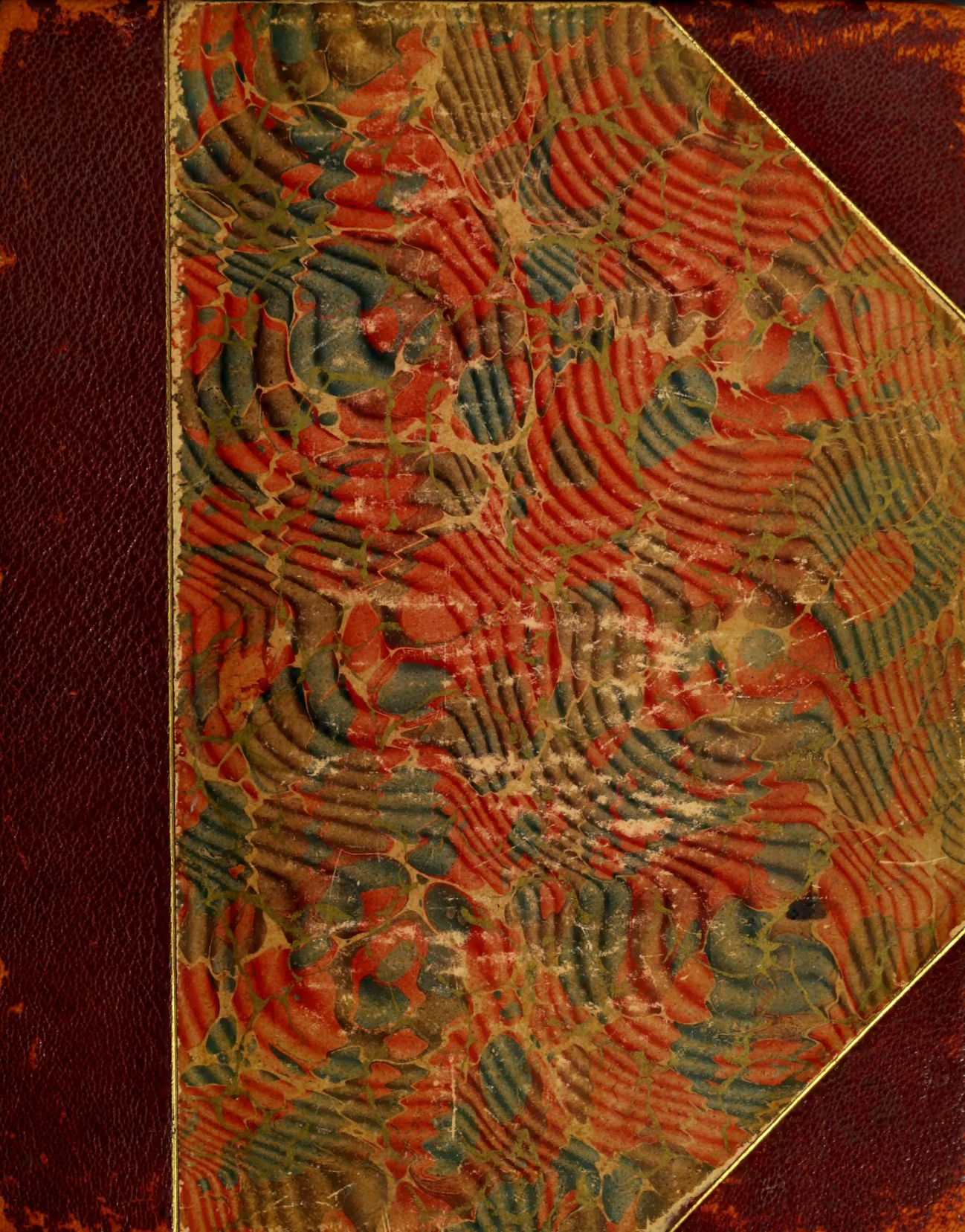

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Sharon Wills
and other Probate Papers
prior to the year 1793

Prepared by Eugene Tappan.

Preface.

This book contains copies or extracts of Sharon wills and administrations, prior to the formation of Norfolk county in the year 1793. Until that date, Sharon was a part of Suffolk County, and Sharon estates were administered in the Probate Court of that county. The probate proceedings in such cases still remain in the Suffolk Probate Registry in Boston.

In the case of Sharon

persons who died before the incorporation of the town (1765), the probate papers are not so easy to find, & the student has not the advantage of knowing the names of the persons; wherein the estates relating to the written work of Stamp will then included under the more general designation of Stampton or Leicester. To aid in further search, a list of old Stampton estates is given at page 471.

Eugene Tappan.

Sharon, Sept. 2, 1903.

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Suffolk Registry. 17 17/18. No. 3971.

Ebenezer Billings.

Will.

In the name of God, Amen. The last will and testament of Capt. Ebenezer Billing esqr of Dorchester, in the County of Suffolk, in his majesties province of ye Massachusetts Bay, in New-England, which will and testament is as followeth: Wheras I, Ebenezer Billing, have been by ye good favour & mercy of God helped and spared by him many years in ye world and greatly spared from sickness and visited with health above many others of my neighbours

round about me, for which I have cause to praise God, yett I being sensible that I am mortal as all men are, and I not knowing how soon or how suddainly God may call me out of ye world by death, and I being now by ye Lords holy pleasure visited with bodily sickenesse and weakenesse, I think it therefore high time for me to sett my house in order and to settle that wordly estate which God hath given me according to my best discretion and understanding. And I thank ye Lord that although I am under bodily illness, yett I am att this present of perfect mind and of good understanding; I therefore

ordain this instrument as my last will and testament. I give and resign up my soul to God who gave it to me att ye first, hoping that through ye merits and satisfaction of Jesus Christ I shall obtain eternal salvation by him. As for my body I leave it to be decently interr'd and to rest in ye dust till ye great resurrection which I hope through Jesus Christ I shall be brought to ye joyfull vision & fruition off: and after my funeral charges are discharged and all my just debts paid, if any legally appear, then I dispose and will ye rest of my estate as in manner following, viz.

Imprimis or in ye first place. I give to my

eldest son Richard Billing twenty shillings
in some part of my moveable estate to be paid
to him by my executors hereafter named within
a year after my decease upon this condition or
provided that he my abov'sd son Richard
Billing doe give my executors hereafter named
a ffull discharge of the five pounds given him
by his grandfather Billing, according as he my
son Richard Billing did promise me when
I sent him his cedar to cover his buildings,
and ye reason why I will no more to him now
(although he is as dear to me in my affections as
my other children) is because that I have given
him a liberall Education, and thereby I have

given him more than I can proportionably give to any of ye rest of my children.

2d As to my son Ebenezer Billing, who is my second son, I having given him considerable in lands and in building him an house, and in other things, all which considered together I doe hereby confirme and confirme to him, altho it be something more than I can give to my younger sons, and further as a token of my love I give to him my leading staffe upon this condition that he ye sd. Ebenezer Billing my loving son doe give a finall discharge to my executors hereafter named of ye five pounds given him by his grandfather Billing according

to his promise he made to me when I did
sign to him my deed I gave him of his house
and land.

3d As to my son Jonathan Billing, my third
son, whereas I have given him an hundred acres
of choice land & sett him up a frame of an house
and covered & inclosed it, I think I also thereby
have done for him very considerable, yet as a
token of my love I give to him ten shillings
to be paid to him by my executors hereafter
named out of my moveable estate within a year
after my decease, provided also if he my aforesd
and loving son Jonathan Billing doe give a
finall discharge of ye five pounds given him

of his grandfather Billing which he promised to doe upon my giving him his deed of ground I gave to him which discharge shall be given to my executors hereafter named. I also add as to my son Jonathan Billing that if he should demand pay of my executors hereafter named for so much as he shall charge in his book as due to him from me for money lent or for wine or any thing else, then I give my executors hereafter named full power to see him for his entertainment at my house for himselfe and sometimes for his creatures ever since he has been for himselfe, they allowing him what may be reckoned to be a value of what he has done for me at

sundry times since he hath layd for himselfe.

4ly As to my son Benjamin Billing, my fourth son, I give my lott of land being two hundred acres more or less, as it was laid out in ye twenty & five divisions lying near to Dorchester swamp, and if he my dutifull son Benjamin Billing shall desire to continue with or to live with his mother and his brethren my executors, and be helpfull to ym, then they shall find him with food and raiment washing and lodging and allow him to cutt 2 or 3 load of grass every year, and two or three acres of land shall be allowed to him yearly to improve for himselfe here at home so long as he sees cause to remaine with

you, and some while hence within if three if land rises, he shall take the advice of his brethren in selling if land and in if improvment of if money, if he sees cause or inclines to sell if land I now give him.

5ly. As to my son Samuel Billing, who is my fifth son, whereas I have given him considerable in land and have built him an house which I do account is considerable for him, yet moreover I give to him if one halfe of my lott of meddow lying in if meddow called Monawg meddow.

6ly. As to my son Barion Billing, my sixth son, I give to him all that part of

share of land that was laid out to me upon my father Wales's rite in ye twenty five divisions of land lying on ye west side of ye Moose hill: and also all ye other land which I have upon Moose hill as it is bounded northwardly on my son Jonathan's land & eastwardly upon my son Ebenezer's land, and furthermore my will is that what there is wanting of four score acres in both those above'd parcells of land (the rocky hills which I count of no worth being not accounted or reckoned as any thing) shall be made up out of ye other part of land laid out as part of my father Wales's rite lying on ye

North side of ye land by ye land Ezekiel Billings, and it shall be hereby understood that my son Bariah shall have his land on ye part lying next to him or to his other land. Also I give to my son Bariah Billing ye one halfe of my lott of meddow lying in ye meddow called Mohawg meddow, and I having given ye other halfe of said lott to my son Samuel so I leave ye division of said lott with my son Samuel & Bariah as they two shall agree. I also give to my son Bariah Billing ye meddow called Evereds meddow which sd. meddow was lett out by Dorchester Town to Henry White with ye school land and conveyed to me from sd. Henry White

is a debt due to my father Billings estate. And be it understood hereby that I give to him my son Josiah Billing that meddow so conveyed to me by ye sd. Henry White during ye full term of ye lease given by ye town of Dorchester to enjoy and no longer. I also will that my executors shall be helpfull to my son Josiah in getting cedar att ye swamp and in getting timber for a small house to ye value of twelve pounds or as he shall need and desire so much of you to help him in such an undertaking.

As to my eldest daughter Zipporah Hian who hath been a dutifull daughter to me, having done considerable for her upon her

marriage ^and at other times since. in times of sickness and straits as she needed help which is more than I have given to my other daughters, and I also having given her fifty acres of land lying near to the land she now lives on all which I think is more than I have or can give to any other of my daughter; yett in token of my love I give to her twenty shillings to be paid to her by my executors out of my moveable estate within a year after my decease she acquiting or discharging my executors of the five pounds given her by her grandfather Billing, according to my expectation as I intended when I gave her the said three mentioned.

As to my daughter Elizabeth Stogall, I give to her one red, a pair of sheets, and one coverlett, and what said red sheets & coverlett shall fall short of twenty pounds, I order my executors to make it up twenty pounds, besides what I have already given her, and my will is that my executors shall have five years time after my decease to pay the remaining part of ye twenty pound yt ye red & beding will not reach to. This I give to her as above written upon ye condition yt my daughter Elizabeth Stogall doe give a discharge or acquittance to my executors of ye five pounds which was given to her by her grandfather Billing.

As to my daughter Elizabeth Bradish, I give to her also one bed, a pair of sheets & a coverlet, and what they want of twenty pounds I will that my Executors do make it bed & bedding up twenty pounds within five years after my decease besides what I have given her already.

As to my daughter Mercy Billing, I give to her forty pounds, to be paid to her within five years after my decease, or upon her marriage, by my Executors hereafter named, and I hope I shall leave my loving wife so as to be able to doe more for her att her decease.

As to my daughter Hannah Billing, I give

to her fourty pounds to be paid to her within five years after my decease or upon her marriage, by my Executors hereafter named and I hope I shall leave my loving wife so as to be able to doe more for her att her decease.

Furthermore as to my beloved wife, I will to her all my moveables within doores (excepting what I have already disposed of) to be att her dishose, and also I give to her for her own proper use a Cott lying in Purgatory swamp which was her father Miles's, and my will is that my loving wife shall live in my house & dwell with my Executors and have a comfortable maintainance from time to time according to her satisfaction, and if they

neglect so to doe, she shall have then her liberty to goe live with any other of her children and they shall be hereby obliged to maintain her accordingly where she shall se good to live.

I furthermore doe constitute and appoint my two youngest sons Bezaleel Belding & Elhanah Belding my sole executors of my estate and my will is that they sell y^t land which I have lying on the north side of y^e Moose hill which I have not disposed of already by deed or will, which land they may sell if they se cause to pay legacies withall, as also a small lott of meddow land lying near y^e horse shoe, as also a lott

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of land laid out to me upon Mr. Tings pite
lying by a crack rock near to Wrentham I
I give to my executors, and I also give to
them my two sons that I hereby doe constitute
my executors, viz. Bezaleel Billing & Ebenezer
Billing all & rest of my estate which I have
not already given away or disposed of by will
or deed of gift, that is to say all my housing
and lands, chattells and utensills of all sorts
to be as their own proper right of inheritance,
upon this condition that they discharge and fullfill
my will as before expressed in paying all & legacies
to & rest of their brethren & sisters as I have herein
ordered by my will here written

Finally, my will is that if any of my children yt are not yet married or settled doe die before they are married or settled, then what I have now given them shall fall to my loving wife and my three youngest sons Barian, Bagaleel & Elkanah, equally divided amongst ym. This instrument I ordain as my last will and testament

I also will that my Indian servant man called Joseph Obadiah shall live with my wife and my sons yt are my executors till he is twenty one years of age. I also hereby renounce all former wills and for ye confirmation of this my last will and testament, I, Ebenezer Billing. doe sett to my hand and seal this twenty and second

day of January Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & seventeen or eighteen, and in ye fourth year of ye reign of our Soveraign Lord George by ye grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King. Defender of ye Faith. &c.

Those words yt are dashed out and those yt are interlined were done before signing & sealing.

Ebenezer Billing (seal)

Signed & sealed by ye testator above said in ye presence of us. Benjamin Ware. Benjamin Bate. Mary Bate.

[FAC SIMILES OF BEGINNING OF WILL AND SIGNATURE]

In the name of God Amen,

Ebenezer Billing

Bezaleel Billing and Rikanah Billing the executors presented this will for probat and Benjamin Ware and Benjamin Bate made oath that they saw Ebenezer Billing sign and seal and heard him declare it to be his last will and testament, and that when he so did he was of sound disposing mind and memory to these deponents best discerning, and that they together with Mary Bate (unable to travail, through infirmity and the severity of the cold) set to their hands as witnesses in the testator's presence. Before me

Samuel Sewall J. Probat.

Boston; March, 6. 1717/18.

[FAC SIMILE OF SIGNATURE AND DATE.]

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Probate of will, and letters testamentary to Bezaleel Bilding and Elkanah Bilding, dated March 6, 1717. recorded book 20. page 298, following which is the record of the will.
No other papers on file in this case.

Suffolk Registry 1737/8 No. 7105.

Beriah Billing.

Administration.

Administration granted February 13, 1737 to Mary Billing on the estate of her husband, Beriah Billing, late of Stoughton, husbandman, deceased. Called in order in one of papers. Bond £2000. Sureties, Jonathan Billing and Jeremiah Fuller.

Inventory filed June 2, 1738. The appraisers were Benjamin Estey, Jeremiah Fuller and Elkanah Billing:— His wearing aparil & ten small books. two spining wheels, &c.

chist of drawers, six tables, two chists, six cloth chairs, one looking glass, painted with suitable furniture, mantled with suitable furniture, third bed with suitable furniture, fourth bed with suitable furniture, fifth bed with suitable furniture, more due to the estate (£18) one warming pan & one coverlet, four pewter plates & nine plates, twelve cloth sheets, six table cloths, one dozen & an half napkins, one diaper table cloth, one dozen & an half towels, one flaxen table cloth, two pair of cotton curtains & valens, two pair of red worsted curtains & valens, two pair of yellow worsted curtains & valens, two blue rugs & one red rug, four pewter dishes & six do, two blue cloth

said cart, ring and staple one gold at one
hour one silver do Mott hour, one hour & 20
minutes, one pair one quart one fork, sold wood,
the homested with the house & barn (£950), dwelt
house & barn & homested (£600), motion made
to called (£30). total £1678-0-6.

Warrant to set off dower to Mary
Carter formerly the widow of Elijah Billing.
Commissioners, Silas Morse of Dedham, John
Boyden, Joshua Clap & Ezekiel Robbins all
of Dedham, and Benjamin Guild of Stoughton.
Dated Nov. 3. 1770. The return sets off
half of the house and half of the barn with
33½ rods of land in the north end of

the [illegible] bounded north and east by land of Jonathan Fisher and west on the road that leads from Providence to Boston.

Account of Mary Parker administratrix of [illegible] Brian Fisher exhibited Oct. 3, 1740. A "further account" allowed June 16, 1741.

Mary Parker

[FAC SIMILE OF SIGNATURE TO FIRST ACCOUNT]

Suffolk Registry. 1741. No. 5581.

Samuel Bird.

Administration.

April 10. 1741. Joseph Hewins junior administrator of the estate of his father in law, Samuel Bird late of Stoughton, husbandman, deceased. Bond £2000. Sureties, John Hopson and Ebenezer Hewins, both of Stoughton. Sarah Bird, the widow, renounces administration.

Inventory filed June 23. 1741. Appraisers, Thomas Randal, Josiah Dwight and Jeremiah Fuller; — to each appraiser

and cows, his horse colts & fillies
& small piece of cedar swamp, one horse,
two oxen, eight cows, three young cattle,
2 calves, and sixteen sheep, three swine
& three pigs, a load waggon in ye year
1743 (£20), his cart & wheels & utensils of
husbandry, wearing and furniture, his fire arms
and ammo, pewter & brass and household
utensils, piece of cloth & yarn, some flaxseed
flax and hemp, some wood cut for
coals & part set & drawn together, about
600 feet of pine boards, a parcel of old irons,
two blankets. Total £1731-5-10

Warrant to divide the real estate

between the widow and children Feb. 22, 1741. Commissioners were Richard Wilson, Nehemiah Fay, Thomas Randall, Benjamin Este junior, and Daniel Richards, all of Stoughton. Their partition approved by the Court July 7, 1742. Dower of Samuel Bird, the widow, about 31 1/4 acres & 21 rods, also a lot of cedar swamp in Massapog swamp. Includes land on the southerly side of the town way, and land bounded west by Massapog brook.

To Samuel Bird son of the deceased, two seventh parts of the remaining two thirds of the dwelling house &c. also 25 acres of land lying between the widow's thirds and 4 acres more land

(as called) and includes most of the goat pasture."
[other lots.]

To Catherine Hewins the first daughter of the deceased and the wife of Joshua Hewins jr. of Stoughton one seventh part &c. Also beg meadow with liberty to drain sd. beg meadow where there is a ditch already begun, and to lay the mud or gravel on either side of said ditch without molestation power through the other rights until it comes to Massabog brook." [other lots.]

To Mehitabel Belcher the second daughter of the deceased and the wife of Reynold Belcher of Stoughton one seventh part &c. Also "about half the sd meadow" [other land] "said to be

being mostly improved and very valuable"

To Sarah Day, the third daughter of the deceased and wife of John Day of Boston, one seventh part &c. also the use of a right way to pass and repass in the town road.

To Elizabeth Bird the fourth daughter of the deceased, one seventh part &c.

To Damaris Bird the fifth daughter of the deceased, one seventh part &c.

The partition was approved July 7, 1774.

Account approved Dec. 18, 1771.

Contains item of receipt from the executor of the deceased's father, John Bird of Dorchester. There are charges for 4 pr. gloves @ 7s. 8 pr.

& 8s. 8d. 15 yds. @ 7s. a mourning weed 10s.,
paid the widow the cost of her mourning suit
£8-12-3, paid to James Foster for grave stone
£4.

Suffolk Registry. 174 5/6. No. 8423.

Thomas Rogers.

Will.

In the name of God, Amen.

The sixteenth of February in ye year 1774.

I Thomas Rogers of Stoughton in the County of Suffolk in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, Practitioner, being very weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory - thanks be given unto God therefor - calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye, do make and

ordain this my last will and testament,
that is to say, principally and first of all
I give and recommend my soul into the
hands of God that gave it and my body
I recommend to the earth to be buried in
christian burial at the discretion of my
executors, nothing doubting but at the
general resurrection I shall receive the
same again by the mighty power of God,
and as touching such worldly estate where-
with it hath pleased God to bless me in this
life, I give devise and dispose of the same
in the following manner and form.

Imprimis. I give and bequeath to Joanna

my dearly beloved wife all my moveables and household goods. Together with one my cows and my nolt three of my stock, give the interment of to my loving wife her lifetime; and one in land in Stoughton I give to my three eldest sons, Thomas Rogers John Rogers and William Rogers. And to my eldest and beloved son Thomas Rogers I give one half in width of my land that lyeth on the east side of the river that runeth through my land on the south side, together with one quarter of and one upon the southerly corner of my land lying southerly upon the strait of land that

would to Josiah Pratt junior, section di when
the rode. Also I give my yoke of steers to my sd.
son Thomas.

And to my loving son John Rogers
I give all the rest of my land upon the
westwardly side of the river both one acre
upon the nearest corner of the river, together
with my young yoak of steers att two years
old. Also I order this my son John Rogers
to honourably maintain my loveing wife dis
cretion all her days & to allow her the prilleges
of living in my dwelling house. And notwithstanding
the above written I make and ordain my loveing
wife to be my sole executrix of this my last will

& testament.

And to my loving son William Rogers I give the eastern part of my land upon the eastwardly side of the river upon the north side joining upon the land that I have to my son Thomas, together with one half acre joining upon the westwardly side of the river that I reserved from my son John Rogers.

And to my loving and youngest son Benjamin Rogers I give twenty five pounds to be paid by my son John Rogers notwithstanding the above written at the age of twenty one if my son Benjamin come to the age of twenty one.

And to my loving and eldest daughter Joanna Rogers I do give & bequeath unto her [sic] the sum of twenty pounds to be paid by my son Thomas Rogers, notwithstanding the same is written att the age of eighteen years together with one cow att her mothers disposal

And my loving and youngest daughter Mary Rogers I give six pounds to be paid by my son William Rogers att her [sic] age of eighteen years one cow att her mothers disposal.

The rest that I have to Thomas Scott of Dorchester I order my eldest son Thomas Rogers to pay, and all the rest of my debts I order my two sons John to pay equally like and to have all

that I have due unto me upon book bill or
bond equity like.

I also give to my youngest children
William Rogers, Benjamin Rogers, Hannah Rogers
Mary Rogers the privilege of my dwelling house
and orchard until they come to a settled estate.

I do hereby utterly disallow revoke &
disannul all & every other former testaments,
wills, legacies & bequest & executors by me in
any ways before named willed & requested,
ratifying and confirming this & no other to be
my last will & testament. in witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day
year above written. signed sealed published

pronounced & declared by the said Thomas Rogers as his last will & testament in the presence of us

The subscribers

Josiah his X mark Hodges

Josiah Pratt jun.

Ebenezer Hodges

Thomas his X mark Rogers

Will proved Jan. 23. 1745 before Josiah Willard, Judge of Probate. No record of the will was made [July 15., 1903] The original will has the indorsement "written by Josiah Pratt."

Joanna Rogers the widow, was appointed administratrix with the will annexed. bond £300. The deceased is styled "practitioner in physic". Sureties were Ebenezer Hodges of Stoughton, and

Samuel Caswell of Norton, Physician.

Inventory filed May 10. 1749. Appraisers were Ebenezer Billing, Benjamin Johnson and Ebenezer Mann. Amount of property £182-17-0 "new tenor". Including 5s. acct. of travel & house.

Account allowed April 25. 1749.

Edwd Hutchinson

FAC SIMILE OF JUDGE'S SIGNATURE TO DECREE ON THE ACCOUNT.

Suffolk Registry 1779 No. 9283.

Thomas Corey.

Administration.

Samuel Corey of Stoughton, and Michael Sweet of Boston, mariner, appointed administrators of the estate "of their brother" Thomas Corey, late of Stoughton, deceased. May 23, 1779. Bond £500. Sureties were William Everett of Dedham and Jonathan Billing of Stoughton.

Inventory filed Oct. 12, 1779. The appraisers were Jeremiah Kingsbury, Josiah Everett and Nathaniel Fenno. — Personal

and bridle, a pair of traces, collar & chains,
a plough and shackle & pin, a prop rake &
2 hoods, 5 carts & a tub, a cedar meat tub,
a small brown mare of 4 years old, an old
bedstead, his best coat, best jacket, great coat
striped jacket & old coat, a hat & hat box,
3 pr. of linen breeches, 3 shirts and a cap,
2 red blankets, a web of cloth, a pair hand-
kerchiefs, 2 pr. of shoes & 2 pr. of stockings, 1 pr.
of leather breeches & a leather apron, a pewter
quart pot & funnel, an iron pot & skillet,
an iron ladle, 2 pewter & tankards, 2 tea spoons,
one table & a walnut chest, 2 chairs & 2 pairs,
of old knives & forks, an apple & knife &

pin, an auger & 2 chizels, a pr. of tongs and
a shovel, old iron, a neck bell, curry comb &
a saw, 1 pr. of rig chains, & 3 powder horns,
a kettle & 2 wedges, a whip & carpenters rule,
a meal bag & an old saddle, leather & grass
ware, a chest & sugar box, an old pair stone
rope & a wooden platter, a cartoon box & belt,
a pit of sole wood, Indian corn, cords & notes,
a dwelling house a barn & 40 acres of land.
"Sum tot. £361-11-2"

2 accounts, March 20, 1744, and May
18, 1750. items of payment to Nath[l] Dana,
Andrew Boardman, Jacob Bliss, Benja White,
Eben[r] Everett, Kimball Bullard, John Foster,

Joseph Jackson, Mary Goodwin, Joseph Everett, Wm. Reiss, James Fales, Seth Pond, Daniel Mosman, Ebenr Downes, Ebenr Durand, Sam. Durand, Jacob Esty, Sam. Esty, John Smith, John Rhodes, Wm. Kingsbury, Isaac Lewis, Wm. Pond, John Rice, Rebecca Durand, Jonathan Esty, Nath. Cutler, William Story, Joshua Wash, Daniel Pitts Benj. Simons, Jonathan Baltimore, Wm. Cornish, Seth Pitts, Daniel Richards.

The accountant charge themselves with £1300 - for the whole of the real estate sold by order of the Supr. Court.

Said William, his part & share of the estate £ 1/3.

Said Daniel Gray, Nath. Gray, Executor

& Sarah Holmes, Joseph & Eliz.a Pitter, Sam.l
& Mary Pitter, Joseph, Anna & Priscilla Lines
for each of their part and shares in the
whole estate & release £7.16.

To your accountant Michaelmas for his
wife & daughters part in the estate. 7.-

To your accountt. Stancer for his part
in the estate 7.-

Surrogate Registry. F. C. No. 7476.

Benjamin Estey.

Will.

Dated August 28, 1844, testator "being under ye infirmities of old age" omitting here the formal beginning and ending, the rest of the will is as follows—

Item. I give and bequeath to Mary my loving wife the use of one room in my house and a privilidg in ye cellar, and the use of all the movebels in the house during her life, and the use of one cow, which cow my executors are to provide and keep winter & summer.

Item that my executors do allow
unto my loving wife Indian corn & four
bushels of rye and six hundred weight good pork
sixty pounds of beef and eight pounds of flax
and six pounds of wool for my sd wife yearly
& every year and what wood she shall have
occasion for and if she shall have occasion for
any other thing which is necessary & not mentioned
in this my will that my executors provide
the same for her as long as she shall be
due & lawful & have willed to her.

Item. I give to my said wife Mary
Spencer Esqr & Abraham Esqr my whole dwelling
plantation with all & singular its rights

to be my executors of this my last will & testament & all and singular my said bequests & legacies with all the sd sum reserved by them, and their heirs & assigns to be possessed & enjoyed in equal shares (viz) to be devided in equal shares to each of my executors with my dearing afraid to be equally devided to my executors at my decease; and at ye decease of my wife my son Benjamin shall have my great Bible: and the one half of all the remainder part of goods I give to my son Ebenezer at the decease of my wife.

Item. I give to my son deceased daughter Elizabeth deceased at the decease of my wife

remainder part of my estate not already disposed of and all the moveables in the house and the cow which I do by these presents give to [illegible] as in said chapter.

Witness, Benja Johnson, Graham Fenton Jr and Isaac Johnson. Will proved Aug 1750 before Edward Hutchinson, Judge of Probate.

Suffolk Registry. 1751. 10:7:62.

John Hipson.

Administration.

May 28. 1751, John Hipson of Stoughton appointed administrator of the estate of his father John Hipson, late of Stoughton, yeoman, deceased. Bond £500. Sureties, Benjamin Hipson and Eleazar May both of Stoughton.

Inventory filed September 10, 1751. Appraisers, Benjamin Hinson Benjamin Farrell and David Richards. Amount is £423-3-2 including house and wares.

Agreement October 25, 1753 between John Hipson and William Lewis of Dedham with Mehetibel Lewis his wife, as to division of the real estate that belonged to their father John Hipson. The house lot consists of part of the 24th and part of the 35th lots in the 12 Division, and a part of the 8th lot in the 25 Division, containing about 150 acres. Reference is made to the petition of the widow Sarah Hipson. John Hipson to have the dwelling house &c, and all the land on the eastern side of "the road leading from the New mills through ed. Stoughton to Attleborough" that belonged to the deceased,

excepting about 8 1/4 acres of meadow at the eastern end of the lot. Also to John Tipson a piece of land on the west side of said road, extending to Daniel Richards land and from thence the dividing line runs south to the southern side of a road called Whittamores road, thence runs southerly to the brook or the bounds of Benjamin Sawtells land; in full of the double portion of John.

William and Mehetabel Dean to have the land in the home lot lying west of the last mentioned dividing line, and also said 8 1/4 acres of meadow, subject to a portion of the meadow to the widow [illegible] not exhib

Account allowed April 18. 1755.

stating payment of debts to Joseph Everett, precinct
treasurer, John Day, Seth Fuller, Benjamin Reed,
Joseph Wright, Edward Bailey, Doc Cornelius
Nolen, William Lewis jun., John Smith, Daniel
Richards Benjamin Johnson, & same town treasurer

Suffolk Registry. 1751. No. 7829.

Ebenezer Hewins.

Administration.

September 24, 1751, Judith Hewins was appointed administrator of the estate of her husband Ebenezer Hewins late of Stoughton, deceased; and gave bond with John Holmes of Stoughton and Ezra Morse of Walpole as sureties. The widow died before completing administration. No papers were filed by her in the case after her appointment.

Letter of administration de bonis non

granted to Ebenezer Flewin (son of deceased) May 30. 1755. Bond £500. Sureties, Joseph Flewin of Stoughton and Robert Fuz of Dorchester.

Inventory filed January 23, 1756. Appraisers, Benjamin Savell, Daniel Richards and Joshua Whittemore - The homestid about 40 acres of land with the house and other buildings, the out lands about 43 acres in sundry peaces, the pew in the meeting house, debt due to ye estate by notes of hand, books and plate, wearing apparel, a gun, sword, & cain, and a saddle & pillion, three old pewter beds and some bedding and furniture, brass and pewter ware in the

house, chists, tables and other utensils in s^d house, cart & wheels and other utensils for husbandry, one horse, four cows, seven young cattle, six sheep and lambs, three swine, about three load of shacock, a neats ride at the tanners. Total amount £344-1-7 ½. P.S. There is part of the above rd. reserved yet in reversion being under lease to Mrs. Hannah Kearns the sister of the decd during her natural life.

Warrant to commissioners to make partition of real estate "between his wife & children". Commissioners, Thomas Kendall, Benjamin Farrell, Benjamin Estis, Joshua Whittemore and Samuel Cox. Warrant dated March 28, 1759

Return signed April 25. 1759, not allowed April 5. 1761. stating that the real estate will not admit of division among all the heirs (viz sons and the daughters), but will make three convenient settlements:—

1. The homestead containing 40 acres aprised at £2-13-4 an acre & the buildings thereon aprised at £33-0-8; the land at the old dam so called containing 20 acres aprised at £0-18-8d an acre; seven acres of cedar swamp in Mashapog cedar swamp so called aprised at 8s an acre.

2. A peice of land lying in a lot called [morrys] [?] marys lot near capt Johnsons

containing 27 acres aprised at £2 an acre.

3. The land at the great [Hallow] Horton so called near mr Curtis meeting house containing 45 acres aprised at 16s. an acre; also a neck of land partly bounded upon Massahog pond containing three acres aprised at £1-6-8 an acre; and a peice of cedar swamp in a swamp called Nicens cedar swamp containing 2 acres one quarter aprised at £0-8s. an acre.

The first settlement was assigned to Ebenezer Hawins the eldest son; The second settlement to William Hawins [lib. 58. page 336], and the third settlement to Increase Hawins.

Bond [illegible] to the Hon. Court to pay
to the Treasurer their Share of the Valuation
within the year, Curtis, David Richards,
Richard Hixon Jr. and Benjamin Gamett —
one on each bond.

Benjamin Gamett

[FAC SIMILE OF SIGNATURE TO BOND OF EBENEZER HEWINS]

Account allowed April 7. 1758.

contains item of payment to John Smith,
Dr. Sam[l] Doggett, Dr. Nathan Buckman, Josiah
Hewins, Dr. Sam[l] Wheat, Dr. Ezekiel Hersey, Isaac
Cogail, David Richard. Deacon Benja Sawell,
Joshua Wattamore, Sam[l] Estey, William Wright,
Mrs. Judith Ingraham (for nursing), Joseph

Hartwell, Richard Clark, Stephen Farmer,
Mrs. Mary Holmes (for nursing &c.) Daur:
Lovell, Jacob Estey, Timothy Tolman, Jonas
Rivers, Joshua Whittemore, Mrs. Katherine
Estey, Martin Estey. "To Joseph Flewin for
what he expended to obtain a cure for
Joseph Flewins (minor) of a sore head, by
consent of the heirs £ 3-5-5"

Suffolk Registry. 1757. No. 11395.

William Caldwell.

Administration.

January 14. 1757 administration granted to Mary Caldwell on the estate of her husband William Caldwell late of Stoughton deceased. Bond £50. Sureties, George Talbot, Esqr, and John Noyes, innholder, both of Stoughton. Inventory filed July 15. 1757. Appraisers, Joseph Smith, Hezekiah Fay and Reserved Capen. Amount £28-6-2.

Norfolk Probate. 1757. No. 11513.

Benjamin Esty.

Administration.

April 2d. 1757 Administration was granted to Sarah Esty on the estate of her husband, Benjamin Esty, late of Stoughton, deceased. Bond £ 50.

Sureties, Nathaniel Fisher and Jeremiah Atherton, both of Stoughton. Inventory, £ 11-19-0-3. Appraisers, John Atherton Nathan Buckman and Richard Capen. Account allowed May 20. 1757.

Suffolk Registry. 1760. No. 1-342

Benjamin Johnson.

Administration.

April 27, 1760 administration was granted to Ruth Johnson, widow, Ruth Johnson, minor, and Isaac Johnson all of Stoughton on the estate of Benjamin Johnson late of Stoughton, deceased. Bond £800. Sureties, John Fisher & John Hicks, both of Stoughton.

Inventory filed June 27, 1760. Appraisers, Isaac Benjamin Clark, Daniel Richards both of Stoughton, and Capt. Ebenezer

Man of Chatham. The deceased is here called Capt. Benjamin Johnson. ——

his wearing apparel, books and arms, cash, watch including the warming pan, hand irons & other iron in the house including the stillards, stone jars and earthen ware, chairs, desk, looking glass, rule & other small things in the desk, knives, forks, chears and tinn ware, lumber tables, chests, tubs, barrils, wheels, cards & hatchel, iron bars, carts, wheels plows, chains, & other utensils for husbandry, boards and scaffold, 3 horse kine and 2 oxen, 4 cows and 6 young cattle, sheep and swine, debts due & notes of hand, the pew in the meeting

house (£3), and nails the stock & tools
in a blacksmiths shop including a
grindstone, one forge pieces, bed, table
and furniture, linnen, looking glass and
some pewter, a saddle & other tackling for
a horse, a net and a sive, wearing irons
& old cast iron and brass kettle, some
wood on both sides of a way with a building
one way the grist mill with the stream
the house where Lucy Johnson lives &
4 acres on that side a brook, a piece
of cedar swamp in Nanahon swamp
the land at the iron ore & Nanahon pond
the land at Tilson ore bed is called Red

Widows goods.

Dower set off to the widow Ruth Stevens, by commissioners Ebenezer Mann and Jedediah Dillingham. Their return, approved April 3, 1701, assigns to her a part of the house and barn and half of the corn mill, together with about ten acres of land on the same side of the town road that the house and barn stand on, bounded northeasterly with the land of Benjamin Davell Jr's land from the middle of the stream that carries said corn mill to the westerly side of said town road, easterly with said road from said Davell's line until it comes square with the place where the newest part of the dwelling house joins to the

old part. &c. Also about 27 acres of land lying on the easterly side of said town road, bounded N and NE by Farris land, easterly with Marshhog Creek. &c.

Divisional agreement made April 2. 1[illegible] between Isaac Johnson, Noah Johnson and John Johnson, all of Stoughtonham. Recites that Benjamin Johnson left a widow Ruth Johnson and four children, viz, Isaac and Noah and Ruth Farrar wife of Benjamin Farrar; that Levi has been assigned his dower; that the widow is deceased; that John Johnson has purchased Ruth's right, &c. so that Isaac Noah and John now all the remaining part.

John conveys a certain interest to the four sons of Isaac, viz. Benjamin, Obed, Hosiah and David Johnson. Isaac Johnson is to have the dwelling house and barn standing near to the place where the iron works stood, and about 8½ acres of land on the easterly side of the brook and mill pond and bounded therewith; southerly with the outmost bounds of the divided premises until it comes to the town road. Noah Johnson is to have about 6 acres of land bounded E by said road, W by the mill pond, &c. John Johnson is to have all the remainder of the divided premises, 22½ acres; bounded S with Isaac's part, N with Noah's part, E with said road.

Suffolk Registry. 1760. No. 12385

Ezekiel Price.

Administration.

Rachel Price, the widow, desires administration in favor of Ebenezer Daggett, one of the creditors. Jonathan Billing, "the bigest creditor", desires the same.

June 12, 1760. Ebenezer Daggett of Wrentham, physician, was appointed the administrator of the estate of Ezekiel Price, late of Stoughton, deceased. Bond £100. Sureties, Jonathan Whitney and Hayward Smith both of Wrentham.

Inventory £37-18-1. Appraisers, Nathanael Field, William Wright and Royall Hollock.

List of claims of creditors.

Certain funeral charges — September 25, 1759

Heirs of Ephriam Pierce Dr. to Seth Dwight,

for sundries delivered to Mr. Ebenezer Pelling for the funeral of Mr. Pierce, viz.

	£	s.	d.
To 7 pair of mens white gloves at 15/	5	5	0
To 4 pair of womens ditto at 15	3	0	0
To a black gauze handkerchief	1	8	0
To 3/7 of a yd. of India black lustre at 80/	3	0	0
To a yd. 1/2 of Tiffeney at 20/	1	10	0
To black sewing silk	0	2	0
To a paper of pins	0	5	0

To 12 biskit 0-5-0

October 10th To a pair of white gloves delivered to Mr. Middleton 0-15-0

15-10-0

oil lamps.

In Lawful money. 2-1-4

Account allowed December 30, 1763.

The court ordered a payment to creditors of

5 s. 3 d. on the pound. [Vol. 62, page 05?]

Suffolk Registry. 1761. No. 12,770.

Ephraim Payson.

Will.

[Formal beginning not copied here. The testator styles himself a carpenter.]

In primis. My will is that my dear wife shall enjoy one third part of my estate according as the law provides in intestate estates both in real & personal, that is lawfully mine upon the day that this my last will & testament shall come in force, & so long as her natural life is spared & my will is that my self & her be decently buried after our natural death at

of my estate that I shall herein give to my three sons, & also the debts that my estate may owe, & funeral charges shall be, & debts due to my estate, shall be paid out & received in by my ex. son Ephraim Terrell, & [illegible] in consideration to what I shall herein give them, which is as follows, viz.

Item. My will is that my eldest son Ephraim Terrell shall have all my lot of land whereon he now lives at the date of this my testament which lieth for eighty two rods & lieth eastwardly about a mile & a half from my home lot.

Item. My will is that my second son

Samuel Payson shall have all my building that stands wholly or right my home lot, viz. my right in ye house & ye barn right the brook & my right in the sawmill, my utensils for farming & all other of my goods & movables & my homestead lot, together with all my other rights of upland or swamp, except those particular parts of lands & movables herein willed & given to ye other children or widow.

Item. My will is that my youngest son Henry Payson shall have fifty acres of my home lot or farm, situate as followeth, viz. the whole breadth of my home lot at the westerly end by the country road ending from Mr. Tom

towards to the 2d Presbt meeting house in sd. town [Stoughton], to be divided from my pasture by a straight line parallel with the county road within written & to run across the sd. lot so as to take up to Nicholas Belcher's house, & also a house lot, within Belcher's fence, land for which to them my son Samll has to return to the 2d society in a deed & save him in No 1, 50, & the same was after provided that my sd. son Wm pay the several articles & sums following, that is to say, to my eldest daughter Sarah Richmond (dec'd) to my child or children by her, to her eldest son Josiah Richmond twenty shillings when of full age, & the rest to

to each of ye rest of her children, except any of her children should die in their minority, & then those that live to full age to have the parts of those deceast in equal proportion; also to my daughter Ruth I bequeath the sum of two pounds; likewise to my daughter Judith Payson ye sum of four pounds.

Item. My will is that my daughter Mary Foster shall have one cow out of my estate, or the true vallue of a cow, & also that my other daughters viz Catherine Weldmond Susanah Whitemore & Judith Payson have each of them a good cow, or the true vallue of a cow out of my estate.

Moreover my will is that my widow's thirds above mentioned shall be taken out of my whole estate above willed; so that my will is that my above named sons shall at my decease receive two thirds of what is willed to them herein & the other third at y decease of my widow & their mother. Also my will is that at the decease of my sd. widow my daughter Judith shall have her mother's third of household goods. & also that my sd. daughter Judith shall enjoy a sufficient privelidge in my house-room for herself as long as she shall live unmarid, but at marriage or at her decease either if before marriage, to revive

my son Samuel's & his heirs & assigns.

Item. My will is that however I may
dispose out of my estate above mentioned or
add to it, or however different my circumstances
may be at my decease yet that my respective
widow children & grandchildren, their heirs
& assigns shall receive of what I leave
their exact & just proportion according to
the above willed & directed particular items.

Item. My will is & I do hereby constitute
& appoint my son Samuel Lyon of the town
county & province aforesd. yeoman to be my
sole executor of this my last will & testament,
& I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannul

and I duly attest & publish this testament & execution of me in my wife before named, & willed, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seal this ninth day of June anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & sixty one & in the first year of the reign of our sovereign lord George of third &c.

Charles Thurston (seal)

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of

George Gill, Elijah Mann, Abraham Emmett

Sam[l] Bird.

The will was proved September 11, 1761.

Inventory filed Feby 19, 1702.

Appraisers were Josh Swift, Samuel Bird and Benjamin Bennett. The real estate viz. 100 acres bounded in Stoughton and 32 acres of land lying about one mile and a half from the homestead easting in Stoughton, a part of a dwelling house in the same out, one half an barn, and one third part of a saw mill in said town out adjacent to it. Amount of inventory £410-1-7

Suffolk Registry. 1761. No. 12724

John Noyes.

Administration.

June 26, 1761 administration is granted to Esther Noyes widow, on the estate of her husband John Noyes, late of Stoughton, husbandman, deceased. Bond £1000. Sureties, Nathaniel Holmes and Peter Talbot both of Stoughton.

Inventory filed August 11, 1761. The appraisers were John Allerton and Mitchell Gen. Joseph Lewis was sworn but did not sign the Appraisement. Cash and apparel, books, bedding

and furniture, [illegible] one old [illegible]
utensils cart & wheels & other implements of husbandry & cattle of sorts, three oxen, three
cows two heifers, one steer, one calf, three swine,
two pigs, saddle & bridle & pillion, two guns &
fire arms & part of [illegible] with all
wearing cloaths, 1355 feet of fire wood, 112
feet of casting wood, some stubbed cloth, 18½
yds. of tow cloth, some white wool & woollen
yarn, 47 pounds of pigs, 10 pounds of old iron,
about 30 cedar posts & other cedar pieces, some
wood cut for coals, two casks white, 12½ pounds
of wool knitted, dwelling house & other buildings
with about eight acres of land, about [illegible]

acres of cedar swamp.

Assignment of dower to the widow, Esther Hopes. The commissioners were Joseph Lewis, Reginald Gay and John Hudson. Their return was approved September 10, 1702, the assignment was of about fourteen and a half acres of land on the northwestern side of the house lot lying on both sides of the town road, also one of the middle rooms in the dwelling house "next that in which there is a chimney" with the cellar under the same and the chamber over it, with a common use of the well and of one third part of the corn house and barn

Account rendered by A. C. [illegible] showing

collections from William Dewey, William Smith, John Holmes and Silas Wentworth; and showing payments, "paid at Boston for things for the funeral £2-1-11-3", and to "Thos. Fletcher, on acct. £2-18-1-3" Benja. Barnet, Zachariah Bennet, Joseph Sergeant, James Payson, Stewart Esty, John Stetson, Dr. Nathan Perkins, Dr. Nath[l] Noyes, William Payson, Joseph Fisher, William Marsh, Jos. Jordan, David Perkins, Dr. Sam[l] Nevins, Edward Bartlett, Silas Brown, Seth Norton, Nathaniel Leonard, Jun[r] Esq. John Dodge, Jacob Perley, Wm. Billington, Jr. Sam[l] Lovell, Hezekiah Smith, Sam[l] Long, Constable for rates 10s. 8d. 1p." Josiah Flint

court for 17 nights at 4 pence 1st [illegible] £1-6-4-1"
Jacob Sibley, Edward Parker, Peter Talbot, Jonathan
Golden, Isaac Lewis, John Holmes, Benjamin Jr., Ben Mansfield
Hezekiah Gay, Sam[l] Bird, John Kim, David Isaac,
Thos Fletcher, Joseph Lewis, Children paid Gay for
making 2 coffins" Hezekiah Gay, allowance to
the widow £14.

Suffolk Registry. 1762. No. 1-866.

Matthew Hobbs.

Will.

Will is dated August 8, 1757. The formal introduction is omitted in the copy.

Imprimis. My will is that my funeral charges and just debts be all well & truly paid & discharged out of my personal & moveable estate, & that part of them that may be called out of moveables in Settlement according thereto &c. if that will amount to the payment of them; but if not, then my will is that so much of my real estate shall be sold by my executors as shall

subject to pay a remainder.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Hannah Hobbs, all my indoor moveables, namely, bedding & furniture, clothing & all the other household utensils which I have to die in possession, and all & singular, out door moveables that shall remain (if any be) after all my debts are paid; together with the income & yearly profit of the equal parts of all my real estate for and during the whole term & time of her natural life, to be disposed by her without control as she shall see meet.

Item. I give unto the children of my daughter Abigail Barnes (deceased) namely my

grandson Matthew Lord Hewson & my grand-
daughter Hannah Hewson to their
heirs & assigns forever the residue & half part
of all my real estate in equal proportion so that my
sd. grandson shall have the one half part thereof
& my two sd. granddaughters the remainder to be
equally divided between them after the decease of
my wife Hannah; and my will is that if either
of these my above mentioned grandchildren
should decease before they have received of their
sd. donation & have no issue), then & in such
case that be equally divided between the
survivors. This is in full of a portion of my above
named grandchildren in lieu of all my estate

and I do hereby declare that it shall never be so altered.

Item. I give to my beloved daughter Hannah Smith the one fourth part of the income & profits of all my real estate that shall remain after all my just debts & funeral charges paid, and to come into the enjoyment of it immediately after my decease, and after the decease of my said wife to come into & enjoyment of one fourth part more than as the same shall be divided in equal shares amongst my above named grandchildren, and I do hereby give unto & charge them to pay my said daughter Hannah yearly the proportion-

ment of s[illegible] Real Estate of sd. real estate for
a time aforesd, or sd during the whole term
& time of her natural life, not to be or her
dominated waste, but the rents thereof
or so much that already are and that hereafter
shall be lawfully vested & born of her body and
to their heirs & assigns forever which I in lieu
of the portion of my sd. daughter Hannah Johnson
in the whole of my estate (with what I have
heretofore done formerly) and I do hereby ordain
that it shall not be returned.

Item. My will is and I do hereby constitute
and appoint my beloved wife Hannah Scobs
and my mother in law Elizabeth Ray of the

Stoughton to be my executor of this my last will & testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannul all & every other & former wills, testaments and executors by me in any wise before named & willed, ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written.

Matthew his + Hobbs mark

Sealed & delivered in the presence of Philip Curtis Benjamin Estie and Ebenezer Estie

Proved January 22, 1762

Philip Curtis
Benjamin Estie
Ebenezer Estie

FAC SIMILES OF SIGNATURES OF WITNESSES TO THE WILL.

Executrix's acceptance. To the Honourable Judge of Prob: for the county of Suffolk &c: Hond Sir. These may signify that I the subscriber am not in bodily health so as to come to yr office, but am willing to accept of yr Extrix ship as is appointed in the will herewith exhibited.

Pr your humble, Hannah Hobbs.

Stoughton, January y 21, 1702.

Inventory rcied March 19, 1702. The appraisers were Joseph Hewins, Benjamin Estie, and Ebenezer Estie, all of Stoughton. The items are wearing apparel, books, bedding and furniture, household utensils, pewter and brass utensils, utensils of husbandry, about 30 wt. of wool

and five several pieces of spun yarn, five
ploughs & other implements of husbandry, two cows,
four oxen, fourteen sheep, two swine, six barrels
of pork about 120 pounds of pork, twenty bushels
of corn & about 120 acres of land,

Assignment to Reuben Johnson,
according to the will, about fifty six acres
of wood land adjoining with a town road,
and southwesterly the nine rood of water
from the remainder of the land of the deceased,
until it comes to a corner of fence on the northerly
side of the road and the eastern side of the road
passing through said land &c. the commissioners
were Joseph Kimball, Thomas Harriman and Simon

Richard, son of Thornton, Esqr. approved October 25, 1765.

Executors' account passed April 2, 1764, showing payments, cash paid for mourning for ye widow & children £2-7-2, to Jacob Travis for writing Mr. Moss's will, affirming & proving ye same & attending ye 10 days sold to pay ye debts £1-9-8, also payments to Christr Bradford, Sam.l Dawson, Nathaniel Corey, Dr. Sben.r Doggett, Richard Evans, Virga. Harris, Mrs. White, Matthias Hughes, Wm.m Scott, Wm.m Hart Scott.r for rates in ye year 1761, Christ.r Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Scott.r Sben.r Hill for parish rates for ye year 1759, Sam.l Cowing

Schnabel Esq. Truman Beals, Merchant Esq,
Wm Higgins, Jacob Beals, Wm. Adams, Jam[illegible]
Wm, Isaac Johnson, Jeremiah Higgins, &c.

Suffolk Registry. 1703. No. 13337.

Jonathan Bilding

Will.

Will is dated May 6. 1702. The testator is of Stoughton, glazier. The formal introduction of the will is omitted in this copy.

Imprimis. I will that my funeral charges be taken out of my estate, and my mind and will is that my true and just debts be well and truly paied or ordered to be paied in convenient time next after my decease by my executors herein after named.

Item. I give unto Mercy Bacon Bilding

Mary Hannah Bristow, Elizabeth Tooke and Esther Tisdal, daughter of my sister Sibthorp Troop, five pounds apeace.

Item. I give unto my kinsman John Billing, eldest son of my brother Josiah Billing five pounds.

Item. I give unto my kinsman Josiah Billing, second son of my brother Josiah Billing, all that land with the buildings upon it that was given to my father in my father's will and afterwards purchased by me.

Item. I give unto my kinswoman Hannah Cook, daughter of my brother Josiah Billing one hundred and fifty pounds.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my grandaughter Elizabeth Platt, daughter of my mother Emma Pilling, five pounds.

Item. I give unto my kindswoman Elizabeth Hill and Emma Turner, daughter of my sister Hannah Nutting, five pounds apiece.

Item. As for the rest of my estate, not herein & hereof disposed of & given, whether moveable and immoveable, my mind and will is and I give it as unto my kindsmen John Pilling and Richard Pilling, first and second sons of my kindsman John Pilling equally to be divided between them two, and my mind and will is that my executors do pay what I have herein given unto John Pilling and his mother Richard Pilling

their land and cair and so that it is profitably improved for them until they come of age to improve it for themselves.

Then follows the final paragraph which appoint is executors his brother Thomas Bassow and Elphelet Clap.

Josa Billing (Seal)

The witness are John Durance John Gould and William Bradbury

Codicil to the foregoing will by which he gives to Jonathan Billing eldest son of his brother Josiah Billing the use and improvement of the house and lands given in the will to Jonathan Billing and Richard Billing

eldest sons of Jonathan Belcher, until each of them arrive at the age of twenty one years Signed and sealed by Jonathan Belcher, and witnessed by Nathaniel Gould Jr. Lilian Lewis and John Bradshaw.

Will and codicil proved October 7, 1763.

Inventory filed November 18, 1763. The appraisers were Joshua Bush of Malden, Nathaniel Gould of Malden and Thomas Dean of Dunstable. Wearing apparel & armour, books, bedding and other small things, the buildings & lands between ye widow Parkers thirds and Josiah Belchers are £510, the land on the west side of the way £40. the spring-wood lot north of the widow Parkers

thirds £ 61-13-4, the rid house and lands on
west side of the river to Devon, during
£ 209-2-0, the merchants medow, so called £ 13-6-8,
nine lords £ 344-4-2, sundry rate of rand
£ 513-19-4-3, a claim on the estate of Daniel
Price dec.d £ 28-17-3, and a claim on the
estate of John Hooper dec.d £ 21-17-9.

Account allowed June 3. 1708, contains
item of payment to 41 persons, payment to
the executor for his time and double £ 22-6-5,
The executor omitted itemized bill of service,
containing item May 2. 1704 journey to Boston
to Mr. Eustice on attorney, time nine days expences
8s. Sept 9. 1705 journey to Norton to Mr. Daniel

Diamonds for attorney 3s., setting and carrying
gave Adam to gave 10 miles 5s. two meals of
victuals and keeping a horse 2s.

Record of receipt of Jonathan Pilling &c.
and Richard Pilling of all the note of hand
due to them or their late Jonathan Pillings
estate, Feb. 17, 177[illegible], recorded vol. 38, page 75.

Suffolk Registry. 1763. No. 13347.

William Tolman.

Administration.

October 7. 1763 administration was granted to Betty Tolman, widow, on the estate of her husband William Tolman, late of Stoughton blacksmith, deceased. Bond £1000. Sureties are John Todd of Stoughton and Timothy Fay of Dedham.

Inventory filed November 25, 1763. Five children viz Joseph, Ebenezer Capen and Elijah Capen all of Stoughton appear, and David & Lydia the first wife's child with her aff...

& small cyder-mill in it, small-casks and round
ware, bedding & furniture, pewter ware, glass
& iron ware, household moveables, blacksmith
tools & iron, cart & wheels and husbandry
implem^ts, yoke of oxen & four cows, yoke of steers
& 2 heifers, sheep & swine, mare & colt, buildings
& 140 acres of land adjoyn^g, out lands, vegetables.
Total £ 459-8-3-3

Assignment of widow's dower. Commissioners,
Josiah Swift, Ebenezer Capen and Elijah Capen. Return
approved April 9, 1764.

Account allowed June 14, 1765.

Order of distribution same day to the three
children, William (eldest son), Ephraim, [illegible]

Suffolk Registry. 1764. No. 13479.

Daniel Bacon.

Administration.

July 30. 1764. William Bacon of Stoughton was appointed administrator of the estate of Daniel Bacon late of Stoughton deceased. The letter of administration is dated at Milton. Bond £1000. Sureties, Nathaniel Morse and David Bacon, both of Stoughton.

Inventory filed May 24. 1765. Appraisers, Daniel Richards, William Richards Jr. and Samuel Lewis. Dwelling house and about 75 acres of land, cash and effects and debts, six horse and

two cows, three oxen, utensils of husbandry, the
furniture of inding hote of hand, plowes, five
cwtes of grain, household furniture. Total
£ 230-1-3 ½

Suffolk Registry. 1739/40. No. 7329.

Thomas Tupper Jr.

Administration.

(January 2d, 1739 (13th year of Geo. II)

Ebenezer Perry of Stoughton, carpenter, was appointed administrator of the estate of Thomas Tupper Jr. late of Stoughton deceased (Intestate)

[The residence of the deceased seems to have been written in the bond, at first, as Sandwich in the County of Barnstable; but the words "Sandwich" and "Barnstable" were erased, and "Stoughton" and "Suffolk" interlined in their place.] Bond £ 800.

Sureties, Josiah Perry of Stoughton yeoman

and Joseph Dent of Marlborough Parish.

Hannah Tufts, the widow, requests the appointment of her brother Gideon Perry as administrator.

Inventory filed February 20, 1739. The appraisers were Samuel Bird, Jos Swift and William Dole. House and 240 acres of land £320, one ox and two more, one bed and furniture, one flannel & chain & one joint stool, one pail, one pack, one cradle & table, 1 table, the pewter, iron and brass, one cupboard, 1 chest, 2 spinning wheels & a pair of looms. Total £354-10.

List of debts, March 6, 1739, Nicholas Brown Esqr £100, do- a note due £2-2-1

Josiah Swift as bond £ 32-14-5. Total £ 134-16-11.

Complaint of Remember Tupper. To the Honourable Judge of Probate for the County of Stafford.

Remember Tupper the wife of Thomas Tupper late of Stoughton in the County above said, deceased, Humbly sheweth

That whereas my husband above said (some time since) purchased an estate in lands in said town supposed to be now of the value of about three or four hundred pounds, and being indebted to the Hon^ble Admiralty Board of Jamaica and some others, and my said husband some time in febry. last conveyed away his said estate to the said Coll. Bourn by a deed for the

of an hundred pounds, which is not much more than one quarter part of the value, and to secure his estate touch a counter bond of the said Brown wherein he obliged himself to give my husband a deed of the land again if he paid the hundred pound sum in a year. part, and so it is that (whether through the influence of my husband, he being not a little possessing man, or whether of the ignorance of others) I have good ground to think that Stephen Skiff Esq. of Sandwich hath the counter bond in keeping as soon as made evident by several witnesses, and I have endeavored to obtain the counter bond, but the said Skiff will neither give it up nor a copy of it. And I am

under great difficulties since it pleased God to take away my husband last spring, who left me a helpless widow with an aged mother and eight small children who are now very helpless, and we are like to loose the whole of our living, the estate being under such circumstances that we must unavoidably loose it all the next spring unless we can sell the corner land without which we can neither make sale of the estate to procure the money to redeem the mortgage nor know exactly what circumstances it is under, and beside there are several others to whom the estate is indebted and they are like to loose all: under these difficulties I do humbly intreat and

with power to take more speedy care of the estate of Sarah Jupper deceased, & some other way to relief as under the circumstances, and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Remember Jupper

Order that Stephen Skipp be served with a copy of the petition in order to make answer &c. 1 Feb. 1.

Statement of Silvia Jupper dated Tiverton Aug. 23. 1739 concerning Two interviews had with Stephen Skipp in Tiverton, being accompanied in the first one by Remember Jupper. Skipp owned the debt, but would not give it up nor give a copy of it. Certificate of Ezekiel Jupper to the truth of the Statement

[illegible] said no record of further action taken in the Probate Court in matter of the Estate

February 7, 1873 Remember Hines pet. complaint that the administrator refused to settle his accounts, and the subject that he has converted some of the estate to his own use to the great damage of himself and her children.

Account missed March 6, 1873 in which items of payment appear for journey to Sandwich & Ophanes, horse hire &c. £8-7, surely journey to Boston more hire & Ophanes £3-13-3, necessary implements of household about £ widow for & maintenance of herself & 8 eight [illegible]

agreement not to exceed £37-10. This was the amount of all the personal property.]

Warrant for division of real estate dated October 5, 1654, commissioners Thomas Bliss, Richard Wilson, Thomas Sanford, Gilbert Baker and William Tompkins, all of Stoughton. Their return is dated October 30, 1654, states that the widow has admittance for right of dower, that the deceased left 7 sons and 3 daughters, that the land was into two settlements only. The land in Stoughton bounded all with the grounds of William Tolman's land, and with the grounds of other lots on all other parts and contain about 120 acres. 1st settlement is a small dwelling house and about [illegible]

of land on the northeast side of the Pine creek and separated from the remainder by certain roads made thro. it which length of road" appraised at £48. 2d settlement about 2 acres more or less lying between said roads and said William [illegible] appraised at £ [illegible]

At the bottom of the return is a memorandum (list of children?) viz.

Margaret Tupper dec'd [illegible]
Seth Tupper
Reuben
Simon Tupper to be settled on
Levi Tupper
Benj. Tupper
Judah Tupper
Joanna Easley

Bond of Simon Tupper & Hezekiah Goodrich, sureties, stating that he has received the [illegible]

and 5 days and that the remainder is vested
in Stephen Tupper at present, and on the
decease of Samuel, to his heirs
or representatives, and entitled to him to his
mother and Benjamin and Lucian £3-1-2,
each, or before Dec. 20, 1755, with their parts
of their real estate at present, and on the
death of their mother Elizabeth Tupper, former
wife of said intestate, the further sum of 35s 6½d,
each, with interest, when their said
Daniel, Ebenezer Lucian and William Tupper, Hannah
both of Stoughton

remember Tupper

FAC SIMILE OF SIGNATURE OF REMEMBER TUPPER
TO HER COMPLAINT.

Suffolk Registry. 1747 No. 8753

Thomas Tupper.

Administration.

May 12. 1747 administration was granted to Reuben Tupper of Stoughton, blacksmith, on the estate of his grandfather Thomas Tupper late of Stoughton, labourer, Bond £250. Sureties, Thomas Loring Jr. of Hingham, Trader, and Reuben Tupper of Falmouth in the County of Barnstable, coordinator. No other papers filed.

Suffolk Registry, 1750. No. 9532

Nathaniel Woodcock.

Administration.

June 15, 1750, administration was granted to Hannah Woodcock, widow, on the estate of her husband Nathaniel Woodcock, late of Stoughton, deceased. Bond £100. sureties, William Everett and Elijah Fay, both of Dedham.

Inventory filed September 18, 1750. Amount, £58-16-9 including house and land. Appraisers, Ebenezer Billing, Nathan Clark and William Wright.

List of debts due from the estate filed. None.

[illegible] 1750. [illegible], Benj.ª Jun., Lieut.ª
Jos.ª Sprague, Doct.ª [Samuel] Wheat, Edward Herrod,
Edward Rose, Lieu.ª Enoch Pond, Sam.ª Bullen
Jun.ª Enoch Robbins, Benj.ª Johnson, Nathan
Cleare, John Patten, Doct.ª [Abraxas] Perkins, Mrs. [Hannah]
Rodgers, Ebenezer Bullen, Jun.ª [Grove] Hoss, Lieut.ª Peter
Brun, Elijah Billings, Ensign.

Account allowed March 22, 1750, endorsed
by Hannah Stow, late Hannah Woodcock Widr
of distribution to the children, Nathaniel (eldest
son), Nathan, John, and Hannah

FAC SIMILE OF THE MARK OF HANNAH WOODCOCK
TO HER BOND — the above is the whole of the mark.

Suffolk Registry. 1740. No. 7491.

Ebenezer Mosley (or Mawdsley).

Will.

The will is dated March 8 1739/40. Testator is described as of Stoughton, weaver. Gives to his son Ebenezer a lot of land 140 acres, near Dry Pond, so called, in Stoughton, &c. To his sons Samuel and Nathaniel the farm that the testator now lives on, on both sides of the way, with woodland and meadow belonging thereto which he bought of Samuel Sutter and the Indian Phinias. Gives to his daughter Elizabeth. To his daughter Sarah and her

Incidon on half of his farm on the south side of Little River beginning from his N.W. corner of Witnesses Beech and stones, &c.
To his daughter Mary "all my interest & right in my Iron works, stream, two acres of land belonging thereto & of house where he now lives, being seven eights p.ts of 1 & also my interest & right in Iron ore w.ch I bought of the Proprietors of Dorchester & also all my right to Iron ore bought of the heirs of Roger Leigh of Dorchester deceased," &c. To his daughter Hannah the other half of his farm on the south side of Little River, &c. To his wife Mercy &c. "I also give her my negro girl Nancy to be at her own disposal". To his sister

Elizabeth £20. To the church in Dorchester £20. To the pastor £5, and to church in Stoughton £20. His son Samuel is appointed executor, with power to sell for payment of debts all the rest of the estate including "all my negroes excepting Negro Nancy." Codicil dated May 10, 1740. Witness to both instruments Samuel Sumner, Daniel Stone and William Wilder. Probated Sept. 27, 1740.

Inventory filed June 7, 1741. One item is "a negro man, £50". Appraisers, James Endicott, James Blanchard and Ebenezer Clap. Account allowed Oct. 30, 1744. Signed by Samuel Moseley, Hannah Moseley, Ebenezer Moseley, Nathaniel Moseley, James Foster, Elizabeth Foster, Robert Sears, Sarah Sears.

Suffolk Registry 1769 No. 14446.

Ebenezer Estie.

Will.

In the name of God, Amen, the twenty first day of March annoque Domini one thousand, seven hundred and sixty nine, I, Ebenezer Estie of the District of Stoughtonham in ye County of Suffolk and Province of ye Massachusetts Bay in New England (yeoman), being weak in body, but of a sound disposing mind and memory - Blessed be God for it - Therefore, calling to mind the mortality of

my body, and that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordaine this my Last Will and Testament, That is principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buryed in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executor, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and

dispose of the same in manner and form following.

Imprimis. My will is that my funeral charges and all my just debts be well and truly paid by my Executor out of that part of my estate herein given to him and mentioned hereafter.

Item. I give to my beloved wife Keziziah Estis all that part of the household goods and cattle which she brought to me at marriage, and that my Executor shall pay to her yearly & every year after my decease, during all the time of her natural life, the sum of two pounds

thirteen shillings & four pence, in money or, the necessaries of life, at ye market price, Provided she shall accept thereof instead of her right of dower in my estate. But if not, then my Executor shall not be held to the above articles.

Item. I give and devise to my beloved son Aaron Estis and to his heirs and assigns for ever one acre and a half of land at the westerly end of my home lot next to ye town road, and is bounded westerly with the fence, northerly with sd. ward's other land, southerly with Benjamin Estis's land, easterly with ye remainder of

my sd. home lot - the dividing line to run parralel to sd. fence at such a distance as to contain one acre and a half acre of land as above sd. all which is in full of the sd. Aaron Estie's double share and portion in the whole of my estate, together with all that I have heretofore done for him, and it must be so accounted and esteemed.

Item. I give and devise unto my beloved son Solomon Estie and to his heirs and assigns for ever, my dwelling house and barn and thirty five acres of land on the northerly side of my home lot, bounded

westerly with my mother Sarah's land northerly
with Joseph Curtis's land, easterly with
Mashapaug river, southerly with the remainder
of my home lot; & the dividing line to run
parralel with Jos. Joseph Curtiss's line; also
all my meadow adjoyning to Richard Tripp's
land, together with all my utensils of husbandry
and all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep
and swine, or any other live stock of any
denomination that I shall leave at my
decease. Provided he shall pay all my
just debts and the several sums herein
injoyned him to pay and shall take
tender care of me and suitably provide

for me during my natural life and afford me a decent interrment at my decease at his own cost exclusive of any charge to his brethren or sister; and further my will is that my beloved son Ebenezer Estie shall be under the care of my sd. son Solomon and work for him untill he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years - all which is in full of my said son Solomon's share and portion in of whole of my estate.

Item. I give and devise to my beloved son Ebenezer Estie and to his heirs and assigns for ever all the remainder of my said home lot together with my lot in

the cedar swamp called Nashaquog swamp. he to come into the possession of the premises when he shall arive at the age of twenty one years, which is in full of his portion in y^e^ whole of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Estie all my indoor moveables and household furniture of every sort and denomination, which is in full of her portion in the whole of my estate.

Farthermore my will is that if any of my afore-named children shall decease before they have received their portions as before given, that then their part or portion

shall be equally divided amongst all my surviving children

Item. My will is and I do hereby constitute and appoint my loving son Solomon Estie to be the sole Executor of this my last will & testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all other or former will, testaments and executors by me in any wise before named and willed, ratifying and confirming of this & no other to be my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year herein before written.

Ebenezer Estie (seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by ye sd. Ebenezer Estie to be his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers. Joseph Hewins. Ebenezer Hewins. Jacob Hause.

Proved by Thomas Hutchinson, Judge of Probate, April 28. 1769.

Hephzibah Estie, the widow, accepts the provisions of the will.

Inventory filed July 28, 1769.

Appraisers, Joseph Hewins, Thomas Randall and Ebenezer Hewins.

	£	s.	d.
His Wearing apparel and books	8	15	6

Dwelling house & barn and home lot.	266-13-4
About 2 1/2 acres of meadow near Richard Hixson's land.	13-6-8
About 1 1/2 acres of cedar swamp in Mashapaog swamp.	1-0-0
One yoak of oxen.	10-0-0
One mare and two colts.	18-12-0
Two cows and two calves.	7-10-0
Two steers & one heifer.	5-10-0
Three swine.	3-0-0
Two sheep and two lambs.	0-15-0
Cart & wheels & other utensils of husbandry.	9-7-7
Pewter & brass and other household utensils.	14-16-10

	£	s.	d.
Bedding and furniture.	15	12	0
corn and other provisions in ij house.	8	6	6
Some spun yarn.	0	13	3
Sundry things given by will to ij widow viz.			
One cow and one heifer apprized at	6	0	0
Bedding and furniture.	9	15	4
Pewter and brass and other mentioned utensils.	10	11	9
	410	5	9

Ebenezer Estie

[FAC SIMILE OF SIGNATURE TO WILL.]

Suffolk Registry 1764 No. 14566.

Elijah Hawes.

Will.

In the name of God Amen.

I, Elijah Hawse of Stoughtonham in the County of Suffolk & Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New-England (yeoman) being in sound disposing of mind & memory (thanks be to God for the same) & now calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament, that is to say

principally & first of all, I give & recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, & my body I recomend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Exor. nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God; & as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give, demise & dispose of the same in manner & form following, viz.

Imprimis. My will is that my dear & loving wife shall have one third part of all my estate, real & personal, as <u>as</u> the

law directs in intestate estates, i.e. during her natural life, but my will is that if my Exr. doth sell my estate (as herein is after directed) that her sd. third part of my real estate after her decease is to return to my reputed children, viz. Elijah, Chloe, Elanor & Silence, as in case of intestate estates.

Item. My will is that Elijah, my only son, shall have all my real & personal estate, housing, lands & utentials & all pertaining thereto, exclusive of my wife's thirds, provided my Exr. hath not sold the same when my son comes of age, viz. to twenty one years of age, with paying out such legacies as are herein

given & willed to my daughters as are named.

Item. my will is that my son Elijah, if he lives to the years of twenty one & comes into the possession of my estate as afore mentioned, then he shall pay to my daughter Eleanor at the end of one full year after his coming of age, the sum of thirteen pounds six shillings & eight pence in money, and a good cow.

Item. My will is that my son Elijah shall within two full years next after his arriving at the years of twenty one & coming into possession as afore sd. shall pay to my daughter Elanor the sum of thirteen pounds six shillings & eight pence & a money & a

good cow.

Item. My will is that my son Elijah (if he comes into possession as within written) he shall pay unto my daughter Selena the sum of thirteen pounds six shillings & eight pence in money, & a good cow, within one year next after her arriving at the age of eighteen years.

Item. My will is that in case my Exor. shall sell my estate as hereafter directed, then my above named children are to receive their respective portions of what remains (after my funeral charges & lawful debts are paid out) in manner & proportion as the law provides in the settlement of intestate estates.

Item. My will is that my Exor. may sell my whole estate exclusive of my wives thirds (or the whole with her consent) observing the directions above & within writen.

Item. My will is & I do hereby constitute & apoint Micah Allen of the district, county & province aforesd. (house-wright) to be my sole Exr. of this my last will & testament, & I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disanul all & every other or former wills, testaments & exors. by me in any wise before named & willed, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto

set my hand with Abigail my wife, she herein consenting to all the within or above written premises, have hereunto set our hands & seals this twenty fifth day of September A.D. one thousand seven hundred & sixty nine, & in the ninth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord, George ye Third &c.

Elijah Hawes. (seal)

Abigail Hawes. (seal)

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of Sam[u]l Bird. William Billing Junr [junior]

Elizabeth Everet.

N. B. The words (Exclusive of my wives thirds) (shall) were interlined before signing

& sealing.

Proved by Foster Hutchinson, judge of Probate, October 27, 1769.

Inventory filed November 24, 1769.

Appraisers, Joseph Lewis, Benjamin Estis, and Thomas Randall.

	£	s.	d.
His apparel and cloths.	10	19	9
A debt due to ye estate.	4	0	10
Utensils of husbandry.	3	2	9
Bedding and furniture.	11	12	1
Household utensils.	14	7	1
Table linnin.	0	14	3
Indian corn, rye & other provisions.	5	2	0

Some wool, flax and spun yarn.	1 - 6 - 2
Some pewter vessels and chestnut plank.	3 - 3 - 3
A mare and two cows.	14 - 13 - 4
Two heifers.	5 - 17 - 4
One steer & one spring calf.	4 - 13 - 4
Eight sheep.	2 - 8 - 0
Three swine.	2 - 18 - 8
About 5 tuns of hay in the barn.	8 - 0 - 0
Total of y personal estate.	90 - 4 - 3
His dwelling house & barn and homestall containing about 42 acres of land, apprized at	213 - 6 - 8
About 19 acres of woodland, apprized at	40 - 0 - 0
Total of y real.	253 - 6 - 8

£ 30 allowed the widow.

In the executor's first account
record January 15, 1771, mention is
made of payments to Thomas Randal,
Ebenr Gay, Samuel Davenport, Benja
Pierce, Daniel Allen, William Williams,
John Hollis junr, Isaac Johnson, the
Rev. Mr. Phillip Curtis, Dr. Samel Bird,
Mary French, Joseph Everit junr, Nathan
Clarke junr, Jacob Hewins, Benja. Hewins,
Joseph Hewins Esqr, Hezekiah Gay, Dr. Benja.
Estie, Joseph Everit, Benja Bass, Dr. Jonathn
Platt, Edward Everit, Dr. James Hayward,
Jeremiah Richards junr, Dr. Bezaliel Mann,

Clifford Belcher, Zebadiah Williams, Bathsheba Estey, Micah French, Saml Hewins, Caleb Johnson, David Wood, Micah Allen.

2d account allowed March 13, 1787

There is a discharge to the executor recorded Vol. 88 Page 757, dated December 7, 1787, in which Samuel Glover and Eleanor Glover acknowledge receipt of £162, 13 s. 6 d. 3 far. in full of their portion of the estate of their honored father Elijah Hawes and of the Dower estate "which our honoured mother Mrs. Abigail Hewins, the late wife of Mr. Jacob Hewins and widow of the said Elijah had the improvement

of the two Sons." Witness, Asa Hodsden & Hannah Bass

Also a similar discharge is recorded
Vol. 22 Page 179 from Zuriel Hatt and Grace
Hatt, dated March 23, 1793. Witness, Eliz Leach.

Elijah Hawes

Abigail Hawes

[FAC SIMILES OF SIGNATURES TO WILL.]

Suffolk Registry. 1772. No. 15148.

Jeremiah Fuller.

Will.

In the name of God, Amen. The fifteenth day of January in the twelfth year of His Majesties reign annoque Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, I, Jeremiah Fuller, of the District of Stoughtonham in the County of Suffolk and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England (yeoman), being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory (Thanks be to God), Therefore calling to mind the mortality of my

body, and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die do ordain this my last Will and Testament, That is, principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executor, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive it again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give, devise and dispose of the same in manner & form following.

Imprimis. My will is that my funeral charges and just debts be all well and truly paid by my executor out of my personal estate.

Item. I give to my well beloved wife, Deborah Fuller, the right of dower in the whole of my estate as by law provided, and over and above I give her a sufficiency of good fire wood, cut and brought to the door, so long as she shall dwell in my house and remain my widow (and no longer).

Item. I give and devise to my well beloved son, Samuel Fuller, and to his heirs and assigns for ever all my home lot with all the buildings thereon and all the lands that I now own in

said District of Stoughtonham; also all my utensils of husbandry; likewise the one fifth part of all my meadow land lying in the town of Stoughton in four meadows (so called) together with the one fifth part of all my cattle and other personal estate (not before given to him as above said) that shall remain after my debts are all paid, all which I hereby give to him my said son Simon Fuller as above said, upon this condition, and he is hereby injoined to provide for his mother the said Deborah Fuller a full sufficiency of good fire wood, cut and brought to her door, at all times yearly and every year during the whole term and time that she shall dwell in any part

of my house and remains my widow, not not afterwards

Furthermore, I give unto the children of my eldest daughter, Hannah Tolman, deceased, the sum of forty five pounds thirteen shillings & four pence, to be paid to them in the following proportion by my sd. Son Samuel Fuller: namely, to Hannah Stone the eldest daughter of the said Hannah decd the sum of five pounds six shillings & eight pence, and to Mary Tolman the sum of five pounds six shillings & eight pence, and to Isaiah Tolman junr the sum of five pounds six shillings & eight pence, and to Jeremiah Tolman the sum of ten pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, and to

Samuel Tolman the sum of five pounds six shillings and eight pence, and to Experience Tolman the sum of five pounds six shillings and eight pence, and to Esther Tolman the sum of five pounds six shillings and eight pence, all of which sums above mentioned together with that I gave to my sd. daughter Hannah deceasd. is in full of her children's portion in the whole of my estate.

And I hereby appoint my said son Samuel Fuller the guardian of my seven grandchildren before named so far as relates to the above said sums given to them, and to improve each child's part of the money

above given to their profit until they shall be qualified to receive and improve the same themselves; and I hereby order my said son Edmund Fuller to pay to my above named grandchildren the one half part of each respective sum set to each of their names, within one year next after my decease and the other half of said sums to be paid to them at the decease of my said wife Deborah Fuller, and to be paid by him out of that which is above given to him without charging my other children with any cost therefor, all which he shall honestly and faithfully perform and in so doing shall be intitled to all

that is before given to him as also my said wifes third part of all the Real estate that I have in Stoughtonham without any reckoning or paying any thing to them for the same; all which is in full of his portion in the whole of my estate: furthermore my will is that if any of my above named grandchildren should decease without legal issue before they have received their portions herein given that their parts shall be equally divided amongst the surviving grandchildren aforenamed.

Item. I give and devise unto my beloved daughter Experience Blackman

and to her heirs and assigns for ever the
one fifth part of all my meadow land lying
in sd. Stoughton in said four mile meadow together
with the one fifth part of all my cattle and
other personal estate of every sort (not before
given) that shall remain after my debts
are paid, which together with that which she
has heretofore had is in full of her portion
in the whole of my estate.

Item. I give and devise unto my dear
daughter Mary Woodward and to her heirs and
assigns for ever the one fifth part of all my
meadow land lying in sd. Stoughton in said
four meadow together with the one fifth part

& all my cattle and other personal estate of every sort (not before given) that shall remain after my debts are paid, which together with that which she has heretofore had is in full of her portion in the whole of my estate.

Item. I give and devise unto my beloved daughter Hannah Pittington and to her heirs and assigns forever the one sixth part of all my meadow land lying in Sd. Stanton in said four meadow together with the one sixth part of all my cattle and other personal estate of every sort (not before given) that shall remain after my debts are paid, which together with that which she has heretofore had is in full of her

portion in the whole of my estate.

Item. I give and devise unto my beloved daughter Jerusha White and to her heirs and assigns for ever the one sixth part of all my meadow land lying in said Stoughton in said four meadow together with the one sixth part of all my cattle and other personal estate of every sort (not before given) that shall remain after my debts are paid.

Item. My will is and I do hereby appoint my beloved son, the said Lemuel Fuller to be the sole Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year herein

last mentioned written.

Jeremiah his X mark Fuller

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Jeremiah Fuller to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

Eliza White. David Bacon. Oliver Ebert.

Proved before Judge Foster Hutchinson June 5, 1772.

Inventory filed August 28, 1772.

Appraisers, Josiah Flavel, Thomas Chandler, Col. Elliot.

	£	s.	d.	qr.
His apparel and books.	7	9	8	1
Cash.	14	0	0	0

	£ s.
Bedding and their furniture.	19-17-10-0
Cart and wheels & other utensils of husbandry.	14-2-9-1
Pewter and brass household utensils.	2-12-11-0
Other utensils in the house as pots, kettles, pails &c.	15-7-7-0
Corn, meat & other provisions in the house.	4-19-9-2
Some hay in the barn.	3-0-0-0
Boards, pitsaw, tools, grain, fruit of trees &c.	6-19-2-0
A silk blanket	0-4-8-0
Some tools for carpenters, smiths, & shoemakers, & a powder horn.	0-10-0-0
Table cloths, towels & other small linnin.	0-12-6-0
A pew in the meeting house.	2-0-0-0
A yoak of oxen and one horse.	14-13-4-0
Six cows.	24-13-4-0

	£	s.	d.	qr.
Sixteen sheep and seventeen lambs.	6	8	0	0
Five neat cattle and two horses & a chair.	11	17	4	0
Eight feet of stone wall & a meeting house.	1	0	0	0
	148	19	7	—

The real estate in Stoughtonham, viz. his

	£	s.	d.
homestead about 150 acres with the buildings.	500	0	0
About twenty acres of pasture.	80	0	0

The real estate in Stoughton.

About ten acres of meadow in four meadows	186	13	4
About an acre & half more in 2 meadows	24	0	0
	£ 939	12	11

Job Swift

[FAC SIMILE OF SIGNATURE OF JOB SWIFT, ONE OF THE APPRAISERS.]

Suffolk Registry. 1776. No. 15813.

Jeremiah Belcher.

Will.

In the name of God, Amen.

The twelfth day of March in ye fourteenth year of His Majesties reign, annoque Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy four, I, Jeremiah Belcher, of the district of Stoughtonham in the County of Suffolk and province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England yeoman, being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory (blessed be God for it). Therefore calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do

make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, in the following manner, viz. In the first place I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate with which it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in manner and form following, viz.

Imprimis. My will is that my funeral charges and all my just debts be well and truly paid out of my real estate by my executors.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loveing wife Mary Belcher the sum of six pounds in money, to be paid to her yearly and every year during the whole time of her natural life after my decease, in the manner and by whom it is herein provided, to have all and the whole of my personal estate of every sort and denomination to be at her own disposal for ever, and if one of ye best chamber in ye house during her natural life

And whereas there is a cart way through my home lot from Bickford Belcher's land until it comes to my meadow, my will is that the said way shall remain for the benefit of all my heirs and their assigns for ever, where it is now occupied with gates or bars (not exceeding more in number than

was therefore seen) on said island; and whereas my
real estate will not admit of a division amongst
all my creditors, and my two sons viz. Jeremiah
Belcher jun.r & Jonathan Belcher being already settled
on land of their own, the dividing the same among
all my creditors will be prejudicial to the whole, I
therefore have assigned to each of them their respective
portions in the following manner, upon this condition
that each of them pay to my said wife Mary, during
their respective parts of the above said sum given
to her yearly and every year during her life.

Item. I give and devise unto my beloved
son Jeremiah Belcher jun.r and to his heirs & assigns
for ever the sum of his double portion in the whole

of my real estate after all my just debts are paid to be set off to him in land as the same shall be apprised by judicious uninterested persons upon oath and appointed for that purpose, he giving security to pay to his mother the said Mary Belcher the sum of forty shillings a year yearly and every year during the time of her natural life.

Item. I give and devise unto my beloved son Jonathan Belcher and to his heirs & assigns forever the full of his single portion in the whole of my real estate (after my debts are all paid) to be set off to him in land; in particular I hereby assign to him his heirs and assigns as aforesaid the westerly part of my orchard bounded easterly with the line

of land herein given to my daughter Mary Richards, and on the other parts with the orchard fence & the lane on the west hand, with a common use of the well of water and liberty to pass to and from the same for ever, all to be appraised by three persons aforesd. and the remainder of his portion, if any be) to be set off to him in my other lands, not herein given away) so as the said allotment to make up the sum of two hundred pounds in real estate, he also giving security to pay to his mother the sd. Mary Richards the sum of twenty shillings a year, yearly and every year, during her natural life.

Item. I give and bequeath to my loving son in law Benjamin Farell and the sum of five

pounds in money to be taken out of the single share herein given to my grandchildren, namely, the children of my deceased daughter Susanna Savell deceased, which is not to be accountable to his sd. children for), and the remainder of her single portion (after my sd. debts are paid) according as my real estate shall be apprised in the manner aforesaid shall be paid to the sd. Benjamin Savell, or the proper guardian of said children within two years next after the said estate shall be apprised with lawful interest for the same, to be paid by the person herein appointed for that purpose and the said remainder of her single portion shall be equally divided among all the children of said

Susanna Farrer deceased, the said Benja. Farrell or the proper guardian of sd. children is herein required to give security to the said Wm Bevens to pay to him the sum of twenty shillings a year, yearly and every year, during her natural life.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Hannah Holmes the part of her single portion in my real estate (after my debts are paid) as the same shall be apprised by the aforesaid persons, to be paid to her (or the person herein after named) within two years after the estate shall be apprised, with lawfull interest for the same, provided she shall survive me and the time of payment. But if she shall decease before either and leave no children

or child, then I give to her husband John Holmes, the second, of Stoughton (as a token of my love and respect to him) the sum of five pounds in money, to be paid to him at the time above said; and the remainder of her single portion that she would receive in case she had lived shall be equally divided among all my own grand-children - they likewise or their guardians or the said Colin & Hannah (if she be living) giving security to the sd. Mary Belcher to pay to her the sum of twenty shillings a year, yearly and every year during her natural life.

Item. I give and devise to my beloved daughter Mary Richards and to her heirs and

assigns for ever my dwelling house (reserving to myself and my wife the first chamber therein and the use of the doors and stares leading thereto and convenient room in the cellar for things necessary to be put therein during each of our natural lives and no longer) also two peices of land on each side of the aforesaid way, and the most westerly line of both peices of land are one continued strait line and governed by runing through the middle of the back of the stack of chimneys which line divids my house from my said son Jonathan's house, and so runing the same course each way from the house until it comes to the lines of Clifford Belcher's land, and the said two peices of land are bounded

on all other parts with sd. Wifford's land and the aforesd. way (reserving to my son Jonathan and his family a common use of the well of water and liberty to pass to and from said well for ever) Likewise I give as aforesaid to said Mary Richards my corn and the land that it stands on and the yard adjoining thereto bounded with sd. yard fence as it now stands, also the corn house is hereby given to her as aforesaid, all which is to be apprised by the persons aforesaid, and if the price of them shall amount to more than her single portion then the surplusage (if any be) shall be accounted as a part of the two aforesaid portions to be paid in money; and I hereby grant, ratify

convey and confirm unto my loving son in law Benjamin Richards of said Stoughtonham (the husband of my sd. daughter Mary) and to his heirs and assigns for ever two sixth parts of the whole of my real estate, over & above his wife's single portion, as the same shall be apprised by the aforesd. persons to be set off to him in land, to have and to hold the same upon this condition, that he shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the heirs & legal representatives of sd said Susanna Farrel deceased and to the said Hannah Haines in manner before expressed the full of each their single portions in in the whole of my real estate (within two years after my estate shall be apprised) in money with lawfull

interest for the same, all which he is hereby injoined to perform in order to intitle him to the above said two sixth parts of my real estate: he is absolutely required to pay unto the said Mary Belcher the sum of twenty shillings a year yearly and every year, during her natural life. Furthermore I give unto my said son in law, Benjamin Richards, my old dwelling house as a gift to him, not to be apprised with my other estate.

Item. My pew in the meeting house I give indefinitly to all my heirs.

Item. I hereby appoint my beloved son, Jonathan Belcher, and my trusty son in law, Benjamin Richards, to be the sole Executors of this

my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year herein first before written.

Jeremiah Belcher (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Jeremiah Belcher to be his last will & testament, in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in y presence of the testator. Joseph Bowins, Jacob Hawse, Mary Lovell.

Will was proved in Dedham, February 6, 1776.

Inventory. Appraisers were Elijah Baker, Richard Hixson jr. of Stoughtonham, and Nathaniel Fisher of Stoughton.

	£	s.	d.
Due from Jonathan Belcher for y^e^ improvement of the meadow y^e^ last summer.	0	15	0
Sum old books.	0	7	10
Bedds & bed furniture	10	17	4
Table cloaths, towles, pillow bears, &c.	0	18	6
2 looking glasses.	1	8	4
1 old gun, & old sadle & bridle.	1	6	6
Cyder casks, tubs, &c.	1	1	10
Household utentials	19	13	8
Husbandry utentials	5	6	0
Carpentors tools	0	15	6

	£	s.	d.
The live stock.	29	5	4
The hay & other fodder.	7	10	0
The corn & cheases.	5	1	0
The cyder.	1	6	8
Two notes of hand.	12	0	0
The whole of the lands being ninty acres & one half, the buildings included.	400	0	0
The sum total.	497	7	6

There was a division made of the real estate, under warrant from Probate Court. One of the bounds is near "a peace of meadow called ministereal meadow".

Suffolk Registry. 1779 No. 16803.

Nathaniel Corey.

Will.

In the name of God, Amen. The third day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight, I, Nathaniel Corey of Stoughtonham in the county of Suffolk and state of the Massachusetts Bay in New England (yeoman), being sick & weak in body, but of a sound disposing mind and memory (blessed be God for it). Therefore, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that [ ] is appointed unto all men once to die,

do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the following manner viz. Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but that at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased me, I give, devise and dispose of the same as follows.

Imprimis. My will is that my funeral charges and all my just debts be well and truly paid by my Executors out of my personal

estate, and if that be insufficient, my will is that the remainder be paid out of my real estate.

Item. I give unto my well beloved wife, Sarah Covey, the full and free use of the one half part of my dwelling house and barn and the free improvement of one half part of the lands on which they stand, which said lands are more fully described in the deed which I have given to my son Thos Covey, also one third part of all my other lands that shall remain after my debts are paid: all which she shall have the free and full improvement of during her natural life: also I give to her one third part of my personal estate to be

at her disposal forever.

Item. I give and devise unto my four sons, namely, Nathaniel Covey, John Covey, William Covey and Thomas Covey and to their heirs & assigns for ever all and the whole of my lands (not before disposed of) that shall remain after my debts are paid and my personal estate (not before given) to be equally divided among them for quantity and quality, and I hereby injoin each of them to pay the one fourth part of the following legacies in order to intitle each of them to the above donations,

Item. I give to my daughter Abigail

Bullard the sum of ten pounds in money, to be payd to her by my said sons in one year after my decease, which with that she has had is in full of her portion in my estate.

Item. I give to my daughter Mary Clark the sum of ten pounds in money to be paid to her by my said sons in one year after my decease, which with that she has heretofore had is in full of her portion in my estate.

Item. I give to my daughter Anna Richards the sum of ten pounds in money to be paid to her by my said sons in one year after my decease, is the full of her

portion in my estate with that she has heretofore had.

Item. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Baker the sum of ten pounds in money to be paid to her by my said sons in one year after my decease, which with that she has had is in full of her portion in my estate.

Item. I give to my daughter Mehetabel Covey the sum of ten pounds in money to be paid to her by my said sons in one year after my decease which together with such goods and utensils as are already provided for her and that shall be provided out of my estate to make her equal with her other sisters, shall be accounted

the full of her portion.

Item. I give unto my two grandchildren, Aaron Guild and Oliver Guild (the children of my daughter Sarah Guild, deceas'd) the sum of five pounds in money to be paid to each of them: that sum which with that which their mother has had is in full of their portion and to be paid to them in one year after my decease, and to be paid by my said sons as before mentioned.

Item. I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Covey and my true and trusty friend Deacon James Kingsbury of Dedham to be the Executors of this my last will and testament,

hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year herein first before written.

Nath[l] Coney (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Nathaniel Coney to [ ] his last will and testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names hereunto as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

James Higgins, Ebenezer Sumner, Nathaniel Sumner, Sen.

Will proved before Thomas Cushing, Judge of Probate Court, March 12, 1779, at Boston.

Nath[l] Coney

[FAC SIMILE OF SIGNATURE TO THE WILL]

Suffolk Registry. 1781 No. 17569.

David Wood.

Will.

In the name of God, Amen.
I, David Wood, of Stoughtonham in the county of Suffolk & state of Massachusetts Bay in New England, yeoman, being weak in body, but through the abundant mercy of God of a sound mind and understanding, do constitute this my last Will and Testament, and desire that it may be received as such.

Imprimis. I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker, beseeching his most

gracious acceptance of it through the mediation of Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, also my body to the earth whence it was taken in firm assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last day, hoping my burial may be managed with decency & prudence. As to my worldly estate with which God has been pleased to bless me, after my just debts are paid by my Executors,

Imp.ˢ I will and bequeath to my well beloved wife Silance Wood the east room in my dwelling house & the east bedroom adjoining, also two beds with their furniture, and all the brass, iron,

pewter and wooden ware belonging to the household furniture, also the black horse and the chair, also one cow.

Item. I will and bequeath to my wife and to my son Joshua Wood one half of my whole real estate except my dwelling house, also half of my fatting cow, fatting hogs, store pigs, corn, rie, fodder in the barn, also half the farming utentials to be owned & improved by them in joint partnership - all the real estate above mentioned given to my wife is to return to my son Joshua at her decease or at her marriage

Item. I will and bequeath to my son

Jephaniah Wood all my wearing apparel, also all my carpenter, joiner and turning tools, also my pistol, sword & fusquet.

Item. I give & bequeath to my son David Wood the sum of twenty six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence, to be paid according to the value of money in the year A. D. 1774, one half to be paid him in six months after my decease & the other half in six months after his mother's dec—

Item. I will and bequeath to my son Joshua, in addition to the above mentioned donation the back room in my dwelling house with the fire place, also the bed standing in said room with the furniture

also the two youngest Heifers.

Item. I will and bequeath to my son Joshua Wood the west end of my dwelling house, also one half of my real estate, also one half of my farming utentials, also one cow, one heifer and also one half of the fatting cow hogs, corn, rie, fodder in ye barn &c.. The above mentioned donations are given upon the following conditions, viz. that my wife and son Joshua shall pay or cause to be paid unto Dawaid Wood aforesd the one half of the aforesd sum of 20-13-4, and my son Joseph shall pay or cause to be paid unto my son David ye other half agreeable to the way and manner above mentioned, and that neither

owner of the real estate shall sell or transfer any part thereof without the consent of the other two.

Finally, I do hereby constitute & appoint my wife & my sons Joshua Wood and Joseph Wood Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness I have hereto set my hand & seal this sixteenth day of Octr Anno Domini 1780.

David Wood {seal}

Signed, sealed, pronounced declared by the above named David Wood to be his last will & testament before us. Ebenezer Hill. Levi Morse. Nathl Kingsbury.

Proved before Oliver Wendell, Judge of Probate, Oct. 2. 1781.

Daniel Wood

[FAC SIMILE OF SIGNATURE TO THE WILL.]

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Suffolk Registry. 1783 No. 17924.

Thomas Randall.

Will.

In the name of God, Amen. This twenty fourth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, I, Thomas Randal of the town of Stoughtonham in the county of Suffolk and state of Massachusetts Bay (yeoman) being well as to bodily health and of sound disposing mind and memory (blessed be God therefor) and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed unto

all men once to die, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, that is to say, first of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in Christian manner & burial at the discretion of my executrix, nothing doubting but I shall receive the same again in the resurrection by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

Imprimis. My will is that my funeral charges and all my just debts be well and truly paid by my executrix out of my personal estate,

if sufficient; if not, she shall have liberty to sell so much of my out lands not herein mentioned as to be suffient.

Item. I give and bequeath to Catharine, my dearly beloved wife, the improvement of the whole of my homestead lot with the buildings thereon with the whole of my stock of cattle of all kinds, with all my household goods, apparrel, farming utensils, debts and moveable effects, during her natural life.

Item. I give to my beloved son, Joseph Randal, his heirs and assigns forever (after the decease of my beloved wife) a certain piece of land lying in my home lot, viz. beginning at

an apple-tree about twenty rods north of my dwelling house on the northwesterly side of ye road, said tree standing in ye fence or by it, and is marked with an O upon it, thence running a right line parallel with the northeast side line of said home lot till it comes to the northwest end of said lot, and said piece contains about ninety acres (be the same more or less) being separated from ye rest of said home lot by the above said road & parallel line, the northeast side line and northwest end line being known by ye bounds of said home lot. Also I give to my son Joseph Kandal a certain piece of cedar swamp which I purchased of Mr. Philip

Wiscome, reference to the deed thereof being had the bounds may fully appear, and also a piece of shrub plane land lying between Billings old road (so called) and the road that is now improved.

Item. I give to my well beloved daughter Mary with her husband Royal Kollock during their natural lives the improvement of all the land and priviledges thereon at my decease which I purchased of Alexander Knop of Coventry, and after the decease of the said Mary & Royal Kollock, the last mentioned house, lands and priviledges shall be the sole right & priviledges of their son Thomas Kollock, his heirs and assigns forever, But if y said Thomas does die before his parents

if said Mary & Royal or without heirs, then the said land so purchased of said Alexander with the priviledges above said shall be equally divided between ye brothers and sisters of ye said Thomas, all which house, land & priviledges lie in Stoughtonham about one mile & a half south-west of my dwelling house.

Also I give to my said daughter Mary & her husband Royal Kollock the use and improvement of a piece of land, or wood lot, containing twenty acres at ye northermost corner of the wood lot that I purchased of Dorchester Proprietors which land & wood shall be to and for ye use of and improvement of the said Mary and Royal during

their natural lives and ever after to their heirs the children of y^e^ said Mary, to be divided in equal shares, to them, their heirs or assigns.

Item. I give to my well beloved daughter Catharine Reynolds during her natural life and to my well beloved son Benjamin Randal, his heirs and assigns forever, after the deccase of my beloved wife, the remainder of all my home lot with the buildings thereon, and also a piece of cedar swamp adjoining to the upland of Jebulon Holmes and Benjamin Savels, and also a piece of pasture land lying by land belonging to Jireh Swift late of Stoughtonham deceas^d^ to be divided in equal halves between

them; and at the decease of my beloved daughter Catharine Reynolds, I give the whole of what is herein given her to my beloved grandson Benjamin Reynolds his heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give to my well beloved daughter Elizabeth Curtis her heirs and assigns forever (after the death of my beloved wife) the whole of all my out lands in Stoughtonham lying upon the westerly side of Norton old road, so called, that is not herein before given.

Item. I give to my well beloved daughter Anne Mann her heirs and assigns forever (after the decease of my beloved wife) the whole of all my out lands in Stoughtonham

lying upon the easterly side of Norton old road, (so called) that is not herein before given.

And I do hereby constitute make and ordain Catharine my dearly beloved wife, my sole Executrix of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke & disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies, bequests and executors by me in any ways before named willed & bequeathed, ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written.

Thomas Randall {seal}

Signed, sealed, published and declared

pronounced by the said Thomas Randal as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers. Enoch Hewins, Benja Hewins Jnr, Experience Hewins.

Will probated April 1, 1783 in Boston, before Oliver Wendell, Judge of Probate.

Catharine Randal, the widow, declined to be executrix. She also states that "the will left by my said husband tho. made with an honest and upright intention has ordered the whole of the household furniture and personal estate to be sold to pay the debts of the estate, which is injurious to me and contrary to the laws of this state, which I attribute to his inadvertency."

Benjamin Randall, son of the deceased was appointed administrator with the will annexed.

Inventory.

Appraisers were Dr. Samuel Heurins, William Billing and Capt. Edward Bridge Savell.

	£
His apparel & books.	9-12-0
Beding and furniture.	27-15-0
Table linnin & other sorts of linnin.	4-9-0
Some plate.	9-15-0
Household utensiles.	20-18-0
Provisions in the house.	10-15-6
Utensils of husbandry.	3-5-0
A quantity of hay & flax.	3-10-0

	£
Cash due on notes from sundry persons.	47-4-1
Three cows.	14-2-0
Six young cattle.	11-1-0
Five sheep & two lambs.	2-5-0
Three swine.	3-0-0
Three geese & four turkeys	1-1-0
A quantity of lumber	3-15-0
A pew in the meeting house.	1-0-0
	173-7-7
About 45 acres of land given by will to the eldest son Joseph Randal	155-0-0
About 328 acres of land with the buildings given to the 2d son, Benjamin Randal and Katherine Reynolds (4th daughter)	405-0-0
About 110 acres of woodland given to the	

	£
eldest daughter Elizabeth Curtis.	90-0-0
About 80 acres with the buildings given to Mary Kollock (the 2d daughter)	110-0-0
About 50 acres of woodland given to Ann Mann (the 3 daughter).	35-0-0
5 acres of meadow in Jedburgh.	40-0-0
Appraised for	901-0-0
	173-7-7
Total	1074-7-7

Filed Sept. 9. 1783.

There is on file an award by arbitrators respecting a dispute between Benjamin Randal of the one part, and Philip Curtis (clerk) Royal Kollock (gentleman), Joseph Randal (yeoman) and Katharine Reynold (widow) all of Sharon and David Mann of Grantham (innholder) of the other part,

The Arbitrators were Benjamin Hewins, Edward Bridge Dana, Elijah Hewins, Samuel Hewins [physician], and Elijah Dudley; but the award is signed by the first three named only. The award is "that there be paid to ye said Benjamin Randal out of ye estate of ye said Thomas Randal dec'd. ye sum of one hundred & thirty eight pounds, seven shillings, excluding ye sum of £38-1-0 which the said Benjamin Randal paid for tapes to Capt. Elijah Dudley for which he hath an avoucher, and ye sum of £15-6-8 for which he gave a note to ye Revd Mr. Philip Curtis for tapes in behalf of his father."

Suffolk Registry. 1786. No. 18620.

Joseph Hewins.

Will.

In the name of God, Amen. The sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty one, I, Joseph Hewins of ye town of Stoughtonham in the county of Suffolk and commonwealth of Massachusetts, Esqr being in health of body and of a sound disposing mind and memory (blessed be God for it), but calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make

and ordain this my Last Will and Testament.
And first of all I give and recommend my soul
into the hands of God that gave it, and my body
I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent
Christian burial, at the discretion of my executor,
nothing doubting but that at the general resurrection
I shall receive the same again by the mighty
power of God. And as touching such wordly
estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me
in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same
in the following manner and form. viz.

Imprimis. My will is that my funeral charges
and all my just debts be well and truly paid out
of my personal estate; but if that should be insufficient,

then I hereby impower my executor to sell about twenty acres of land lying between Ephalet Hodges land and Eleazer Robbins land, that is, to extend said Hodges northwesterly line straight across my land to a range line, and to sell that part of my land that lies on the southeasterly side, if need be to pay my debts. But if not, then my will is that my three children hereafter named their heirs & assigns shall share the said land equally.

Item. My will is that my executor shall faithfully perform unto my beloved wife Deboran Hawins every part of the agreement that was made and signed and sealed by my self and her before marriage. Also she has hereby liberty to

remain in my house with her goods as she now doth (if she see cause) for the space of one half year after my decease, and I charge all my children to behave reverently and kindly towards her agreable to her age & station.

Item. I give and devise unto my beloved son Samuel Lewis and to his heirs and assigns forever the southwesterly part of my home lot together with all those parts of my buildings (excepting half the cellar) that are inclosed by ye dividing line which is as follows viz. beginning at an apple tree with stones about it near said Samuel's land, and from thence running southerly to the middle of the barn and through the middle thereof

and from thence straight to one rod's distance from ye middle of the fore door of the dwelling house, from thence running northeasterly through the middle of the fore door and ye middle of the back of the large stack of chimneys, and so the same course to the middle way or road, then running by said way as the stone wall stands, then turning southerly, as the wall now stands to the end thereof, and then by the rail fence until it comes to Reynold's misery meadow, (so called) and Nashaway brook (including the wartering place) & so proceeding up the stream of said brook to the ministerial meadow, with all my rights in said meadow in common with other owners (there being some small rights therein [illegible]

(I have not purchased). All that part of my home lot lying to the westward & southward of the above dividing line is hereby given to my son Samuel Hewins aforesaid, also all my right of land lying in common with William Richards Jr. Also about one acre of cedar swamp in Nashaway swamp bounded northerly with Elijah Hewins' lot, also a small woodlot lying in ye fortieth lot near to Thomas Fisher's deceas'd, also one third part of a lot of land containing about forty five acres of land including about two acres which I purchased of Benj.a Hodges lying to ye south-eastward of ye land I sold to Benjamin Fairbanks, also my right in Little Neck, so called, together

with about six acres of land lying on the plain, and also my cloak and one suite of my wearing cloaths for all parts of his body, such as he shall choose, and my surveyor's instruments of every sort, and also one third part of all my personal estate after my debts are paid, he not to be accountable for the said suit & instruments, they being a free gift, all which together with what he has had is in full of his double portion in my estate.

Item. I give and devise unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth Hause and to her heirs and assigns forever, a piece of land on the east side of my home lot including about seven acres of land

& the house thereon given me by deed, which piece of land is bounded as follows, viz. beginning at the northerly point of a small island (often called by ye name of the meat island) from thence running down the stream of said Mashapog brook with the bounds of Sarah Hawse's meadow until it comes to Joseph Lewis's meadow, northerly with said Joseph Lewis's meadow, easterly with ye heirs of Richard Wilson decasd land in part and partly with Josiah Harris' land, southerly with said Josiah Harris's meadow, westerly with said Mashapog brook and said fence until it comes to the south end of a stone wall mentioned in Samuel's dividing line, then turning off easterly across said brook to

a heap of stones on a small rock, from thence running northerly in a line of s^d^ said Samuel Bowins's land, by purchase, to a stake and heap of stones, and from thence a strait line to the northerly or northeastern point of the island first mentioned. Also I give to my said daughter Elizabeth one third part of the said forty five acres of land included as above said, and one third part of all my personal estate that remains after my debts are paid, all which is in full of her portion in my estate.

Item. I give and devise to my beloved daughter Sarah Tolman and to her heirs and assigns forever all the remainder of my home lot, together with the buildings and parts of buildings that are

thereon, and one third part of the aforesaid forty five acres of land included as aforesaid, also I give to her one cow besides that she now has, likewise half of cellar under that part of the dwelling house given my aforesaid son Samuel, also one third part of all my personal estate that remains after my debts are paid, all which is in full of her portion in my estate.

Item. I give and devise unto my beloved grandchildren, viz. Mary White, Joseph Lovel, and Ebenezer Lovel, their heirs and assigns forever about sixty acres of land bounded south-westerly with y heirs of Seth Boyden's late deceas'd, northwesterly with Benj.a Fairbanks's land, y

northeasterly with s^d said Benj^a Fairbanks's land, southeasterly with the rest of said land before mentioned for sale to pay my debts (if need be), and my will is that the said Joseph Dorel shall have the one half of the above said land and the other half shall be equally divided between said Mary White and Ebenezer Dorel, all which together with that which their mother Mary Dorr (deceas^d) hath heretofore had is in full of their portion in the whole of my estate.

And whereas the appointing of an executor in the family sometimes occasions a difficulty among them, to prevent which and being desirous that after my decease all my children should live

in love & peace, I therefore do hereby appoint my true and trusty friend Edward Bridge Savel of said town (gent.) to be the sole Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day and year herein before written.

Joseph Hawins {seal}

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Joseph Hawins to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

Benja Hewins, Benja Hewins Jun., Esperience Hewins.
Will proved February 14. 1786, before Oliver
Wendell, Judge of Probate Court, in Boston

Inventory.

Appraisers were Joseph Hewins, Benjamin
Faibank and Dr. Elijah Hewins. Inventory
filed October 31. 1786.

	£	s.	d.
Wearing apparel	7	7	2
Beding & furniture	6	11	2
Household furniture	6	18	11
Provisions in the house.	2	12	6
Library & mathematical instruments.	3	4	0
Stock of cattle.			
1 yoke of oxen	12	0	0

	£ s. d.
2 horses.	6-16-0
3 cows.	10-16-0
1 two-year old heyffer	1-16-0
1 sowne	1-0-0
Farming utensils	6-14-4
Total personal estate.	67-16-1

Real Estate.

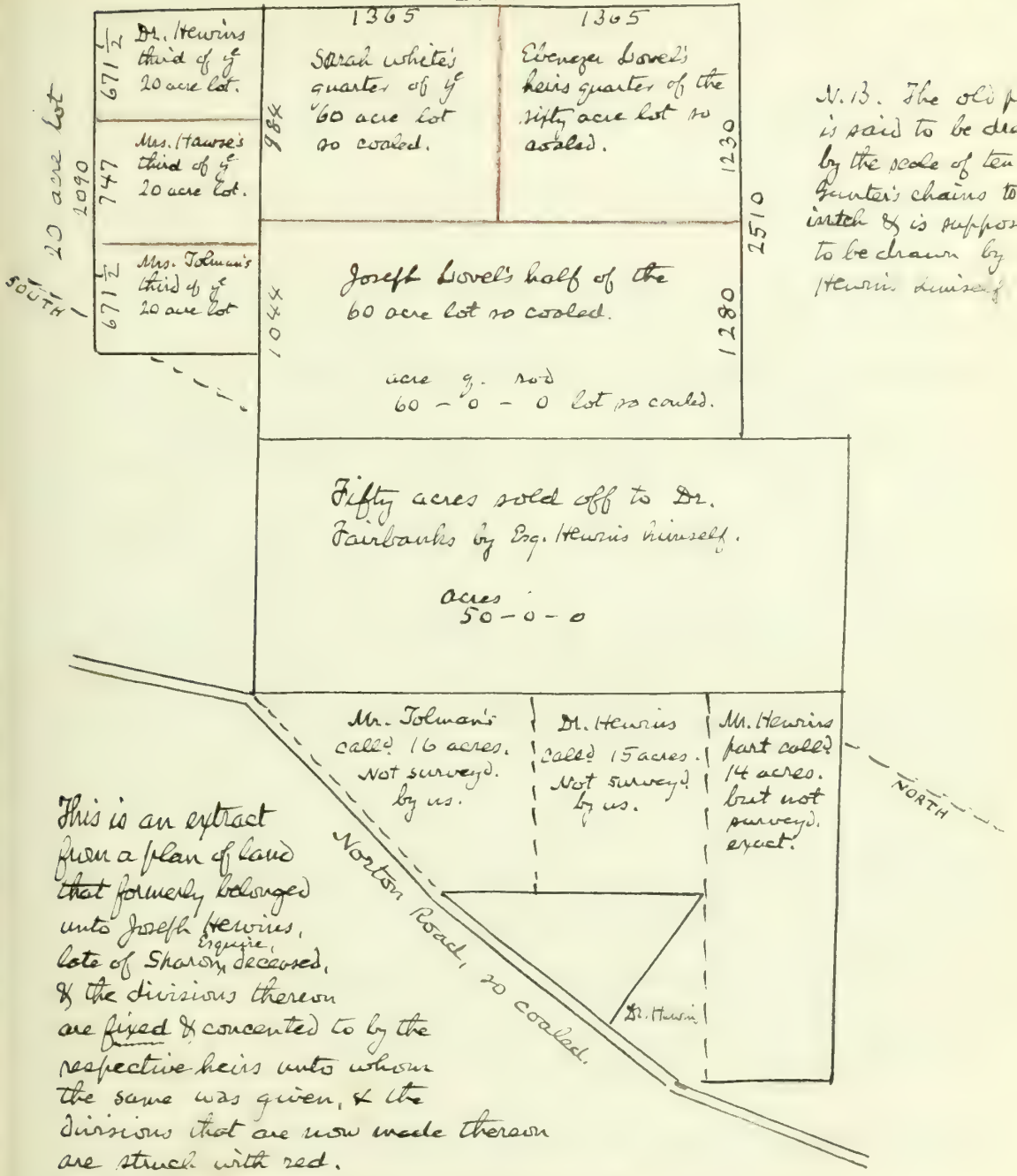
About twenty seven acres of land in the same lot with parts of the buildings standing on the same given to Test. Samuel Hewens by will, at £5. 2s. pr. acre. 137-14-0

About fifteen acres of woodland lying in common with two of the other heirs. 31-10-0

One acre of cedar swamp. 3-12-0

	£
Small rite in little Neck, so called.	0-0-0
Six acres upon Pole Plain.	1-16-0
Three acres of land in the fortieth lot, so called.	1-10-0
A rite of land lying in common with William Richards Jun.	1-10-0
Total	178-4-0
About twenty acres of land in the home lot with buildings given to Elizabeth Hawes by will, at £4-0s. per acre.	80-0-0
About fifteen acres of woodland lying in common with two of the other heirs at £2.2s. per acre	31-10-0
Total	111-10-0
About nineteen acres of land lying in the home lot, with part of the buildings standing on the same given to Sarah Folman by will at £7.10s. per acre	142-10-0

	£	s.	d.
About fifteen acres of woodland lying in common with two of the Executors, at £__ s per acre.	31	10	0
Total.	174	0	0
About sixty acres of woodland given to the heirs of Mary Lloyd deceased.	54	0	0
About twenty acres of woodland ordered by will for sale to pay debts if needed.	30	0	0
Real and personal estate.	615	10	1


2730
1365
1365
Dr. Hewins third of ye 20 acre lot.
671½
Mrs. Hawse's third of ye 20 acre lot.
747
Mrs. Tolman's third of ye 20 acre lot
671½
1090
20 acre lot
SOUTH
Sarah White's quarter of ye 60 acre lot so called.
Ebenezer Lovel's heirs quarter of the fifty acre lot so called.
984
1230
2510
Joseph Lovel's half of the 60 acre lot so called.
1044
1280
acre q. rod
60 – 0 – 0 lot so called.
Fifty acres sold off to Dr. Fairbanks by Esq. Hewins himself.
acres
50 – 0 – 0
Mr. Tolman's called 16 acres. Not surveyd. by us.
Dr. Hewins called 15 acres. Not surveyd by us.
Mr. Hewins part called 14 acres. but not surveyd. exact.
NORTH
Norton Road, so called.
Dr. Hewins

N.B. The old plan is said to be drawn by the scale of ten of Gunter's chains to an inch & is supposed to be drawn by Esq. Hewins himself

This is an extract from a plan of land that formerly belonged unto Joseph Hewins, Esquire late of Sharon, deceased. & the divisions thereon are fixed & concented to by the respective heirs unto whom the same was given, & the divisions that are now made thereon are struck with red.
Drawn and finished this 27 day of March 1788
Pr. Nathaniel Fisher, surveyor.

The plan copied on the preceding page is annexed to division of real estate of Joseph Hewins. The warrant for division is dated March 20. 1787, signed by Judge Oliver Wendell. The allowance of the return is dated June 16. 1788, signed by James Sullivan, Judge of Probate.

Joseph Hewins

[FAC SIMILE OF TESTATOR'S SIGNATURE TO THE WILL.]

Joseph Hewins

[FAC SIMILE OF ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO DIVIDE REAL ESTATE.]

The three commissioners were Nathaniel Fisher of Stoughton, Joseph Hewins & Benjamin Fairbanks of Sharon.

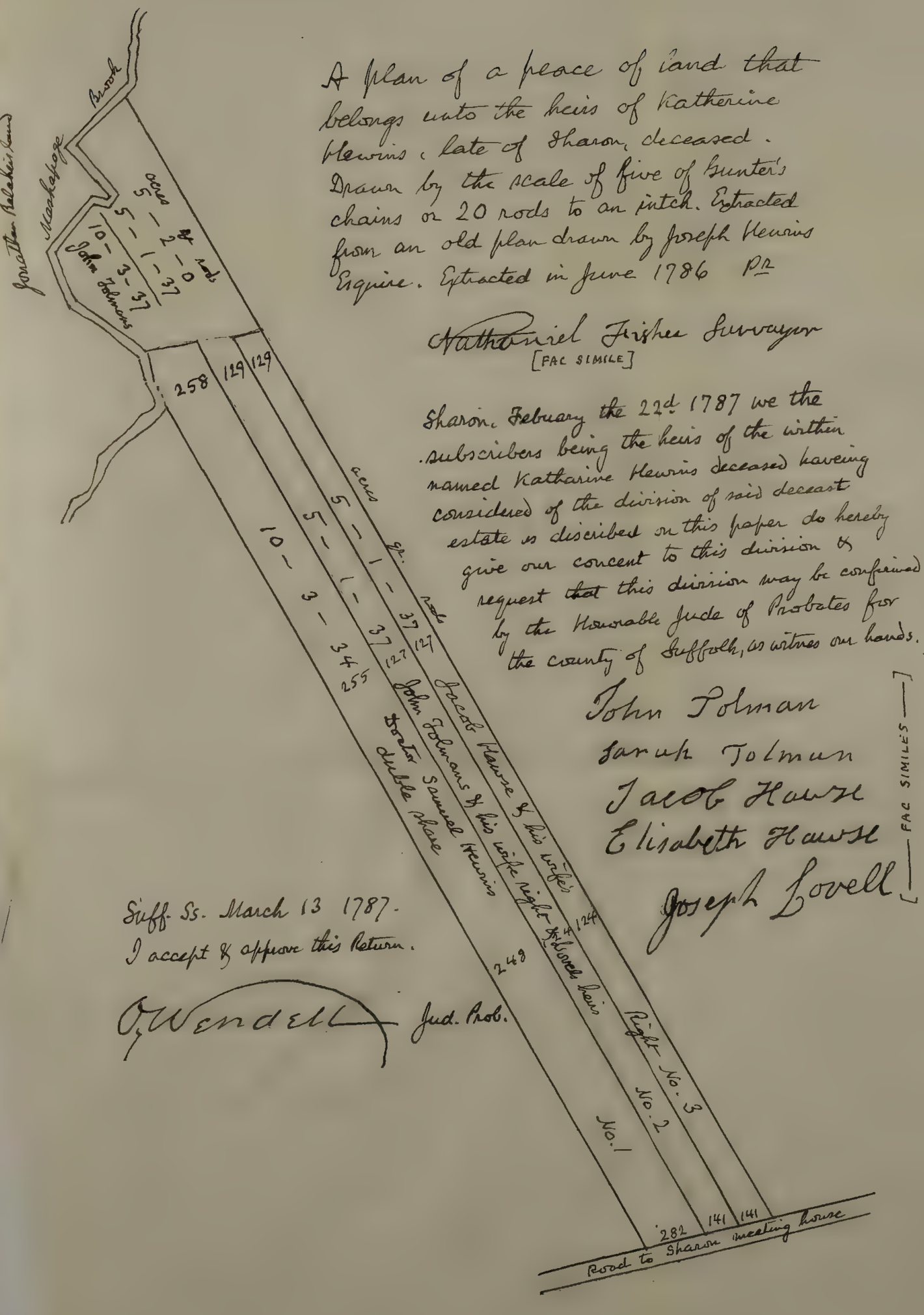
Division of real estate of Katherine Hewins late of Stoughtonham. Suffolk Registry of Probate No. 18694. The warrant is dated May 23, 1786, and directed to Nathan Drake, Samuel Gay and Nathaniel Fisher. Their return containing a plan (see copy) was approved March 13, 1787. Having viewed the land they say "we find it very dificult to divide without prejudice to the whole" — "the whole lot containing according to an old plan of the same twenty seven acres, one quarter & thirty two rods" appraised at £ 96 for the whole, or £ 19. 4 s. for a single share. Division was made at the special request of the heirs. Assigned to Doctor Samuel Hewins, eldest

son of said deceased 10 acres 3 qrs. 34 rods bounded northerly on Doctor Elijah Hewins land, southerly and easterly on that part set off to John Folman and Sarah his wife, and westerly on the road, valued at £38, 8s. being in full of his "duble shaire"

Assigned to John Folman and Sarah his wife in her right 10 acres 3 qrs. 37 rods, bounded northerly partly on said Samuel Hewins' right and partly on "Mashapoge brook", easterly on the same brook, southerly partly on Mr. Curtis's land and partly on Elizabeth Hawses right, westerly partly on said road and partly on said Hawses and Hewins's right, valued at £38, 8s. being the full of said Sarah

Tolman's right, as also the full of the right of the heirs of Mary Lovel deceased - said Tolmans to pay to the heirs of said Mary £19, 4s. that being the full of their right in the same

Assigned to Jacob Hause and Elizabeth Hause his wife in her right 5 acres 1 qr. and 37 rods bounded northerly and easterly on said John Tolman's part, southerly on Mr. Curtis's land, and westerly on the road, valued at £19, 4s. being in full of said Elizabeth Hause's right in the same. Reference to plan annexed.



A plan of a peace of land that belongs unto the heirs of Katherine Hewins, late of Sharon, deceased. Drawn by the scale of five of Gunter's chains or 20 rods to an inch. Extracted from an old plan drawn by Joseph Hewins Esquire. Extracted in June 1786 Pr

Nathaniel Fisher Surveyor
[FAC SIMILE]

Sharon. February the 22d 1787 we the subscribers being the heirs of the within named Katharine Hewins deceased having considered of the division of said deceast estate as discribed on this paper do hereby give our concent to this division & request that this division may be confirmed by the Honorable Jude of Probates for the county of Suffolk, as witnes our hands.

John Tolman
Sarah Tolman
Jacob Hawse
Elisabeth Hawse
Joseph Lovell

[FAC SIMILES]

Suff. Ss. March 13 1787.
I accept & approve this Return.

O. Wendell Jud. Prob.

Suffolk Registry. 1787 No. 18924.

Ebenezer Capen.

Will.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Ebenezer Capen, of Sharon, County of Suffolk, and Common-Wealth of ye Massachusetts, yeoman, being of sound disposing mind & memory (God be praised for the same) & now calling to mind the mortality of my body, knowing that it's appointed for all men once to die: I do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to say, principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into ye hands of God that

gave it & my body I recommend to y earth,
to be buried with decent Christian burial at the
discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at
y^e general resurrection I shall receive the same
again by the mighty power of God, and as touching
such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God
to bless me in this life I give, demise & dispose
of y^e same in manner & form following:

Imprimis. My will is that my beloved
wife Jerusha shall have & enjoy during the term
of her natural life all the personal estate that
came to me by her & shall remain my property
like my decease also one full third of my dwelling
house, also so much of my homestead land as

with the above said house third & personal estate shall make up one full third part of all my estate real & personal & that ye quality of land requisite to make up her third as above said shall come out of ye land received for my three sons viz. Ezekiel Samuel & Samuel in due proportion according to ye quality of their demised given portions hereinafter expressed & that she devid ye above sd personal estate when she sees fit equaly unto my son Oliver & William, or as she may choose.

Item. My will is that my daughter Anne Tupper shall have out of my estate one pound lawfull money which with what she has already received shall be ye full of her portion.

Item. My will is that y^e heirs of my eldest son Nathaniel Cafen deceased shall have out of my estate in pieces viz. to my grandson Ebenezer Cafen five shillings which together with what he has received of what I gave his father, shall be in full of his portion. Also to my granddaughters Elizabeth & Lucy, to each of them six shillings, which with what they have received of what I gave their father Nathaniel above y^e shall be their portion in full.

Item. My will is that my son Ezekiel Cafen shall have out of my estate as follows, all my dwelling house, excepting only y^e third part already given to my wife during her natural life & that third also to be to him or his heirs after my wife's decease also

of my homestead farm beginning at a corner bounds a stump at ye southerly side of my lane by ye bank of Nashaway pond, thence running southeasterly by the bounds of ye adjacent cedar swamp till it comes to a stake & stones, a corner bounds, between Mr. Solomon Gilbert & my son Ezekiel's other land, thence a straight line to ye corner where ye said lane fence joins ye fence of the town way, also on the other side of the said lane beginning on ye northerly side by ye bank of ye pond aforesaid, & running with said bank till it comes to Mr. Elijah Capen's corner bounds, thence following ye pd Elijah's line till a right line at right angles with ye aforesaid lane drawn to the aforesaid Elijah's fence, or line aforesaid, from

ye northerly side of said lane, shall contain (together with the piece of land before expressed on ye southerly side of ye said lane) forty five acres by measure, also the whole of my corn in said land, all my out door movables, one large brass pan, my riding chare, wheels & harness, also my horse,

Item. It is my will that my wearing apparel & indoor movables not herein otherwise disposed of, shall be divided equaly between my sons Ezekiel, Samuel, Samuel, Oliver & William.

Item. My will is that my son Samuel Eaton shall have out of my homestead lands the rest of ye field on ye northerly side of ye said lane, bounded by said lane, ye town way, Elijah Eaton's

land, & Ezekiels part already expressed, viz ye
four-acre-pasture near the house in which he lives
& on ye easterly side of ye town way, viz so much
of my homestead land on ye westerly side of the
town way & adjacent to the southerly lot allotted
to Ezekiel, as that a right line begining at the
westerly side of said town way ten rods from his
barn southerly & running to ye bounds of ye cedar
swamp, & thence by said cedar swamp bounds till
it come to the part given herein to Ezekiel, at
his & Gilberts corner before mentioned; I say until
the three pieces herein given to Samuel by the limits
& bounds herein expressed shall make up twenty five
acres by measure, together with ye dwelling house

or buildings thereon.

Item. My will is that my son Samuel Cahan shall have the rest of my homestead farm lying southerly from Samuels house lot (already willed) westerly of sd road & adjoining to what I formerly gave to my son Nath.l deceased, also my island (so called) in ye aforesd pond, & one acre of cedar swamp, & one full suite of my best wearing apperel, also one cow.

Item. My will is that my daughter Susanah Elliot shall have two pounds lawfull money, also all ye indoor movables that were her own mother's that I may die possessed of, which together with what she has already received, shall be in full of her portion.

Item. My will is that my present# son Nathaniel Capen, shall have out of my estate five pounds lawfull money, together with all ye indoor movables that were his mother's that I may die possessed of, which with what he has received is to be his portion in full.

Item. My will is that my son Oliver Capen shall have out of my estate twenty one pounds, lawfull money, in full of his portion.

Item. My will is that my son William Capen shall have out of my estate twenty six pounds, lawfull money, in full of his portion.

Item. My will is that my forty-acre-lot of wood land adjoining to ye land of Solomon

Present son. A former son of the same name had died p. 256.

Esq. William Tolman, Manley's heirs & my son Ezekiel is to be sold by my exrs for ye payment of my just debts, funeral charges & ye several legacies herein above mentioned. But if it is not sufficient for sd payments, then my sons Ezekiel, Samuel & Samuel shall pay ye rest of sd debts, funeral charges & legacies out of each of their portions, in due proportion to what is herein given to them, & if ye said forty acres of wood land is more than enough to pay ye said debts, charges & legacies, they, viz. Ezekiel, Samuel & Samuel shall have ye overplus in ye above said - due proportion to share amongst them.

Item. My will is that my executors shall

pay my funeral charges, lawfull debts & Legacies within one full year after my decease, except any or either of my above mentioned heirs should be minors at ye said years end from my decease, and if it should be ye case, the respective minor or minors shall be bayed by my exrs when ye sd minors shall arive at twenty one years of age.

Item. Also ye above sd Oliver & William's shares is to draw interest after they are fourteen years of age.

Item. My will is & I do hereby constitute & appoint my well beloved sons Ezekiel Capen & Lemuel Capen of ye town, county & commonwealth

aforesaid to be my sole Executors of this my last
will & testament, & I do hereby utterly disallow revoke
& disannul all & every other or former wills, testaments
& executors by me in any wise heretofore named &
willed – ratifying & confirming this & no other to
be my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand
& seal, this twenty first day of February anno domini
one thousand seven hundred & eighty six & in ye
11th year of ye independancy of ye Unighted States
of America.

Ebenezer Capen {seal}

Signed, sealed & ratified by the above said testator
who was at the time of his signing this testament

of sound disposing mind & memory in our judgment, whose names are hereunto set as witnesses.

Elijah Capen. Sam[l] Bird. Sam[l] Capen 2[d].

Will proved in Boston July 17. 178[7] before Oliver Wendell, Judge of Probate. Samuel Bird, one of the witnesses, was then deceased, as stated in the decree.

Ebenezer Capen

[FAC SIMILE OF SIGNATURE TO THE WILL]

Oliver Wendell

[FAC SIMILE OF JUDGE'S SIGNATURE.]

Inventory.

The appraisers were Capt. Edward Bridge Harell, Benjamin Randall and Capt. William Billing.

46 acres & 3/4 of land with the buildings	£ 123-14-0
8 acres land 13-16-0, 40 do wood land	34-16-0
Farming utensils £3-4-0 cider casks, tools &c.	4-7-2
Live stock £20-6-0 30 lb fleas wool &c. £3-3-6	32-9-0
Pewter, brass, iron and crockery ware.	2-7-8
Chairs, bead & 1-5-0 wareing apparia, kitchen furniture	7-2-2
Beading, linning, old brass, looking glass &c.	11-17-10
Boats, cradles, bording school & sum old ware	11-4-2
One chain, 15 bushel corn, 80 lb pork.	4-18-6
	£ 232-16-6

Inventory filed April 15. 1788.

Suffolk Registry. 1792 No. 19878.

Beriah Billing.

Will.

In the name of God, Amen, the twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, I, Beriah Billing, of Sharon in the county of Suffolk and commonwealth of Massachusetts, yeoman, being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God: Therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make

and ordain this my Last Will and Testament,
that is to say, principally and first of all, I
give & recommend my soul into the hands of
God that gave it and my body I recommend
to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial
at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting
but at the general resurrection I shall receive the
same again by the mighty power of God. And as
touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath
pleased God to bless me in this life, I give,
devise and dispose of the same in the following
manner and form.

Imprimis. My will is that my funeral charges
and all my just debts be well and truly paid by

my executors out of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Anna Billing, during her natural life, one third part of all my estate, both real and personal, remaining after my funeral charges & just debts are paid, and also all such articles as I have hereunder given unto her are deducted. Also I give and bequeath unto her, the said Anna Billing and to her heirs and assigns forever another third part of all my estate, both real and personal, after the aforesaid deductions are made, to wit, I give unto her all my household furniture, my wearing apparel, my watch, my looms and weaving utensils, my sleigh and harnesses, my two saddles, saddle-bags and

bridles and one side saddle, twelve barrels with the cider in them, also one horse now in the custody of Jacob French of Milford - she paying the one half of all my just debts and funeral charges, and also the whole of the several legacies following, viz. to my sons Parker Billing, Braddish Billing, Otis Billing and James Billing, fifteen pounds each, and to my daughters, Charlotte Billing and Anna Billing, seven pounds each, All these payments to be made at the several periods of time hereunder respectively assigned. She is also to procure and pay to the maintenance and education of my children Braddish, Otis, Anna and James untill they come to be of lawful age to act for themselves.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son, Beriah Billing, one third part of all my estate, both real and personal (except all such articles as I have bequeathed to my wife Anna Billing) - he paying the one half of all my just debts and funeral charges, & also the whole of the several legacies following, viz. to my sons, Parker Billing, Bradish Billing, Otis Billing and James Billing, fifteen pounds each, and to my daughters, Charlotte Billing and Anna Billing seven pounds each. All these payments to be made at the several periods of time herein respectively assigned. It is also my will that he the said Beriah Billing, upon the decease of his mother Anna Billing, shall have it in his power to chuse whether he will take

her thirds aforesaid into his own possession and pay the several sums following, viz. to his brother Israel Billing, Braddish Billing, Otis Billing & James Billing, twenty three pounds each; or otherwise it is my will that said thirds shall be equally divided among my sons, Beriah Billing, Parker Billing, Bradish Billing, Otis Billing and James Billing.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son, Parker Billing, the sum of thirty pounds to be paid equally by my executors out of my estate after my decease, and also the further sum of twenty three pounds to be paid by my son Beriah Billing his heirs or assigns, after the decease of his

mother Anna Billing, or otherwise his just part of his mother's Effects aforesaid

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Charlotte Billing, the sum of fourteen pounds, to be paid equally by my executors out of my estate, after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son, Braddish Billing, the sum of thirty pounds, to be paid equally by my executors out of my estate, when he shall come to the age of twenty one years; and also the further sum of twenty three pounds, to be paid by my son Brian Billing, his heirs or assigns, after the decease of his mother Anna Billing, or otherwise his just share of his mother's

thirds aforesaid. Provided that whatever the said Braddish shall earn, either at home or abroad, during the time of his minority, shall descend equally to the benefit of his mother and brother, Anna Billing and Beriah Billing aforesaid, or be deducted from the aforesaid sum of twenty three pounds which he is otherwise to receive.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved son, Otis Billing, the sum of thirty pounds to be paid equally by my executors out of my estate, when he shall come to the age of twenty one years; and also the further sum of twenty three pounds to be paid by my son Beriah Billing, his heirs or assigns after the decease of his mother Anna Billing.

or otherwise his just share of his mother's thirds aforesaid. Provided that whatever the said Otis shall earn, either at home or abroad, during the time of his minority, shall descend equally to the benefit of his mother and brother, Anna Billing & Josiah Billing aforesaid, or be deducted from the aforesaid sum of twenty three pounds which he is otherwise to receive.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Anna Billing, the sum of fourteen pounds, to be paid equally by my executors out of my estate, when she shall come to the age of eighteen years. Provided that whatever the said Anna shall earn, either at home or abroad until she comes to the age

of eighteen years, shall descend equally to the benefit of her mother and brother, Anna Billing and Berian Billing aforesaid, or be deducted from the aforesaid sum of fourteen pounds which she is otherwise to receive.

Item. I give to my beloved son, James Billing, the sum of thirty pounds to be paid equally by my executors out of my estate when he shall come to the age of twenty one years, and also the further sum of twenty three pounds to be paid to my son Berian Billing, his heirs or assigns, after the decease of his mother Anna Billing, or otherwise his just share of his mothers thirds aforesaid. Provided that whatever the said James shall earn, either at

home or abroad, during the term of his minority shall demand equally to the benefit of his mother and brother, Anna Bilbing and Beriah Bilbing aforesaid, or be deducted from the aforesaid sum of twenty three pounds which he is otherwise to receive.

Item. My will is and I do hereby constitute make and ordain my beloved wife Anna Bilbing and my beloved son Beriah Bilbing, to be the sole Executors of this my last will and testament. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies and bequests and executors, by me in any ways before named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Beriah Billing (seal)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said Beriah Billing, as his last will & testament in the presence of us the subscribers.

Jonathan Billing, Jnr. Nathaniel Billing. Isaac Felch.

Beriah Billing

[FAC SIMILE OF SIGNATURE TO THE WILL.]

Jonathan Billing Jnr
Nathaniel Billing
Isaac Felch

[FAC SIMILES OF WITNESSES' SIGNATURES.]

The will was probated before George R. Minot, Judge of Probate, "at a Probate Court holden at Medfield within and for the County of Suffolk on the 7th day of Feby. 1792"

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Suffolk Registry. 1769. No. 14485.

Jonathan Stearns.

Administration.

June 16, 1769. Nathaniel Stearns appointed administrator of the estate of Jonathan Stearns, late of Stoughtonham, yeoman, deceased. Bond £1000. Sureties were Isaiah Tolman, blacksmith, and William Fenno, yeoman.

Declination of administration by the widow. To the Hon^ble Tho^s Hutchinson Esq^r, Judge of Probates for y^e County of Suffolk. These inform your Honour that I, Experience

Stearns of ye District of Stoughtonham.
and the widow of Jonathan Stearns late of
ye same deceased are unable by reason of
want of skill to administer on ye estate of
my deceased husband, and my eldest son
Jonathan lives very remote from me, and
he told me the other day that he desired
doing any thing about administering. I
therefore desire that my second son
Nathaniel Stearns may be administrator
of his father's estate in my room: and your
petitioner shall ever pray &c.

Eleanor her X mark Stearns

The above writing was distinctly read to

the Signs & She consented thereto &
made her mark in y^e presence of us the
Subscribers at Hampton this y^e 15th of
June 1769. Miriam Clark. Rachel Clark.

Inventory. filed Oct. 13, 1769

Imprimis, his wearing Apparrel.	£ 0-17-5
Utensils of husbandry.	19-
Household utensils.	1-16-8
Bedding and furniture.	2-2-8
Eight bush. Indian corn.	1-4
Some town yarn, flax & cotton wool.	5--
And one pidon.	6-
Due by one note of hand.	66-13-4
The interest due on sd note to y^e 23d instant	2-

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Another note of hand for £ 6-13-4

Interest thereon to 23d of Sept.r inst. 3-9.1

One cow 3-6-8

86-3-1L
[7]

Appraisers, Joseph Lewis. Isaiah Forman.

Account allowed May 17.1771.

Debit £86-3-1-3 _ Credit £59-5-11 3/4

on the back of the account is the following list [widow and children?]

"Wid _ Jon.a Stearns Mary Weller

Eliph.t Allen Eliz.a Smith Rachel Clark

Nath.l Stearns."

Suffolk Registry. 1770. No. 14789.

John Noyes.

Administration.

September 21. 1770, Esther Noyes was appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband, John Noyes, late of Stoughtonham, mariner, deceased. Bond £1000.

Sureties were Peter Talbot of Stoughton, gentleman, and Benjamin Gannett of Stoughtonham, tanner.

Inventory £7-19-9. Appraisers were Joseph Harris, Clifford Bacon and Benjamin Gannett.

Account allowed, Oct. 19, 1770

Benjamin Gamett

[FAC SIMILE OF HIS SIGNATURE TO THE NOYES BOND]

Suffolk Registry. 1771. No. 15012.

Henry Payson (or Pearson)

Administration.

October 25. 1771 Job Swift of Stoughtonham was appointed administrator of the estate of Henry Pearson late of Stoughtonham, yeoman, deceased. Bond, £1000. Sureties, Joshua Johnson and Benjamin White, gentleman. Inventory filed Dec. 27. 1771. Appraisers were Samuel Mervin, physician, & Abial Dean of Stoughtonham, and Isaac Ratt of Stoughton.

His apparel & books	£ 3 – 6 – 1
Husbandry utensils	0 – 14 – 4

Household furniture.	£ 11-17-2-2
Bedding and furniture.	5-13-9-2
Provisions in the house.	5-16-11-2
Stock of cattle, sheep & swine.	12-12-0-0
Hay & corn fodder	3-10-0-0
Eight loads of charcoal.	5-6-8-0
Forty seven cords of wood.	4-14-0-0
House & fifty acres of land.	86-13-4-0
Total	140-4-4-2

Account allowed January 1. 1773.

The administrator charges himself with the amount received for real estate "sold by order of the General Court" £80-18-8.

A bond was given to perform the order of

General Court, which shows that the widow was Mary Payson, and that there were children of the deceased (names not given). The account shows payments made to Samuel Payson, John Johnson, Benjamin Ingraham, Elijah Cahen, Benjamin Mewins, Rebecca Johnson, William Foreman, Aaron Esty, Jacob Morse, Samuel Weiman, Joseph Weiman, Ebenezer Gay, John Esty, Jacob Johnson, Isaac Platt, Abial Drake, Doctor Samuel Mewins, David Drake, Ebenezer Gould, Joseph White, Micah Allen, Elaner Smith, Abigail Harrow, Joshua Swift.

Suffolk Registry. 1774. No. 15568.

Joseph Everett.

Administration.

March 4. 1774. Oliver Everet of Stoughtonham, was appointed administrator of the estate of Joseph Everet of Stoughtonham, cordwainer, deceased. Bond £1000. Sureties were John Everet and Samuel Fuller, both of Stoughtonham.

Inventory filed May 27. 1774.

The home land with all the buildings thereon, including Oliver Everet's part in the homsted, the whole about 7½ acres, more or less. £ 346-10-0

The wood land, a part of Flints lot, about 12 acres.	£ 24-0-0
The wood land, called Dalies's lot, about 5 acres.	10-13-4
The meadow in Fowl Meadow, 3 acres £53-6-8, the meadow at Hobbs Brook £5.	58-6-8
The cedar swamp in Walpole, about 4 acres.	6-0-0
The land improved by Edward Everet, a part of Flints lot about 39 acres.	78-0-0
The decd wearing apparel of all sorts, woolling, linning &c.	7-4-0
One quarto Bible and sundry other old books & papers, & one old gun.	2-16-6
One negro slave £40-0-0; the principal of sundry notes on interest £24-6-6	64-6-6
Corn & meat & other provisions in the house.	12-13-6
About two tons of hay in the barn	2-10-0

	£
One mare £13-6-8, one horse £4-0-0, two oxen £12-0-0	29-6-8
Five cows & two young calves £20-2-0, two steers £9-0-0	29-2-0
Two heifers £5-0-0 twelve sheep £4-4-0 one swine £1-0-0 three fowls 2s.	10-6-0
The chaise & harness £9-00 two saddles & bridles & one old pillion £2-9-6	11-9-6
Carts & wheels, plows & chains, axes & hoes, & other tools & utensels for husbandry	14-4-2
Beds, bedding & furniture, linning &c.	15-1-4
Looking glass, chests, tables, chairs & other chamber furniture.	3-5-4
Pewter, brass & iron ware & other kitching furniture & utensels.	7-10-0
Casks for cyder & other casks & tubs, and other lumber.	2-13-8
Flax, wool, yarn &c.	1-12-6
Total	738-7-8

Appraisers, Daniel Richards, Job Swift, John Everett. (of Wrentham)

Heirs' Agreement.

This divisional agreement made the fourth day of April in the fourteenth year of his Majesties reign, annoque Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy four, between Hannah Everet (widow), John Everet, Edward Everet, Oliver Everet (yeoman), Nathan Clark jun^{r} (Coomer) and Hannah his wife, Jacob Fearins (yeoman) and Abigail his wife, Micah Allen (gent^{man}) and Catharine his wife of the district of Stoughtonham, Joseph Everet (gent^{man}) and Jesse Everet (currier), both of Wrentham (all these in the county of Suffolk), Isaac Dean of the district

of Mansfield in the county of Bristol (gent^man^) and Elizabeth his wife, and all the parties hereto are in the province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, witnesseth: That the above named persons are the heirs and legal representatives of the estate whereof Joseph Everet late of ^Sd^ Stoughtonham (yeoman) deceas^d^, intestate died seized and possessed; and having each of us the above named parties mutually agreed and actually made and finished a perpetual division of the whole of the said estate of the said Joseph Everet deceas^d^, and also received of the above named Oliver Everet (^as^ administrator of said estate) all

the moveables or personal estate, which although in unequal proportion, yet is fully to our satisfaction, and we hereby, each of us above named, for ourselves and our heirs, do acquitt and discharge him the said Oliver Everet and his heirs, of and from any further demands therefor hereafter for ever, and it is hereby agreed and determined that the above said Hannah Everet, the widow of the said Joseph Everet deceas'd, shall have during her natural life, the northern two lower rooms in the dwelling house, one third part of the cellar on the easterly part of it and convenient room about the house to lay wood or

other lumber, a common use of the oven and well of water, and the use of the northwesterly chamber in sd dwelling house, with the full and free use and improvement of all the doors, stairs and passages leading to each of the above premises during her life, and shall be paid to her by the above named persons, yearly & every year, the sum of six pounds, for which she has received security for the payment to her satisfaction. She therefore the said Hannah Everet for herself and all persons whomsoever claiming right from, by or under her, doth hereby acquitt, exonerate and discharge each and every of the above named

persons and each and every of their heirs of and from any further claim, right, title, demand or interest in or to the real estate of the sd Joseph Everet deceasd or any part thereof, hereafter for ever.

And inasmuch as the real estate of the said deceasd will not admit of a division among all the persons above named without prejudice thereto, and the said Oliver Everet having purchased a part of each right in said estate, therefore for and in consideration of the sum of twenty five pounds sixteen shillings & seven pence paid to the said John Everet, and thirty eight pounds eleven shillings

& ten pence to the said Joseph Everet,
and three pounds four shillings & two pence
to sd Edward Everet, and thirty three pounds
eight shillings & ten pence to sd Jesse Everet,
and forty seven pounds sixteen shillings
& six pence to sd Nathan & Hannah Clark,
and thirty four pounds five shillings & six
pence to said Jacob & Abigail Harris and
Micah & Catharine Allen (in equal halves),
and forty eight pounds six shillings & three
pence to sd Isaac & Elizabeth Dean, to them
in hand paid by said Oliver Everet, the
receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and
themselves therewith fully satisfied and paid,

they have therefore mutually agreed for themselves and their heirs, that he the said Oliver Everet his heirs and assigns shall have and hold for ever all the homelot or homestall, that belonged to the said Joseph Everet deceas'd lying in said Stoughtonham containing about seventy nine acres of land (be the same more or less) together with all the dwelling thereon of every denomination whatever (excepting the part of the dwelling house before reserved for the use of said widow during her life and no longer) also about eleven acres of wood land being a part of Flynt's lot (so called) likewise about five acres of land more being a part

of Lake's lot (so called). All of said lands lies in said Stoughtonham, and the particular bounds of each may be seen by the respective deeds thereof. All which the said Oliver Everet receives hereby as the full of his double portion (over and above the aforesaid purchase) in the whole of the real estate of the sd Joseph Everet deceasd.

And the said Edward Everet his heirs and assigns shall have and hold for ever about thirty nine acres of land (be the same more or less) lying in sd Stoughtonham with all the buildings thereon, the bounds begin at ye southerly point of said land & runs a streight line to ye northwest corner of Joseph Corey's land.

northerly partly with land of Edward Bought of Pittee and Farington, & partly on sd Pittees land, westerly partly with Evens Bullards land and partly with Nathl Kingsburys land, southwesterly with Nathl Morys land and said Pittees land, all which together with the sum of three pounds four shillings & two pence already received of said Oliver, he the said Edward receives as the full of his portion in the whole of the real estate of the said Joseph Everet deceasd

And the said Jacob Kewins & Abigail Kewins, Micah Allen & Catharine Allen, their heirs and assigns shall have and hold (in equal halves) for ever about three acres of

meadow lying in Stoughton in a place called
fowl meadow & lies in common & undivided
with Samuel Bird, and about ten acres of
meadow more in sd Stoughtonham or Hobbses
brook (so calld), and the bounds of each piece
may be seen in the deeds thereof - all which
together with the sum of thirty four pounds five
shillings and six pence in money already received
of said Oliver, they the said Jacob, Abigail,
Micah & Catharine hereby receive as the full of
each of their portions in the whole of the real
estate of the said Joseph Everet deceasd

And the said Jesse Everet his heirs
and assigns shall have and hold for ever,

about four acres of cedar swamp in Walpole,
being part of the thirty sixth lot in Dedham
cedar swamp (so called), which together with
the said sum of thirty three pounds eight
shillings & ten pence already received in
money of said Oliver, he the said Jesse
hereby receives as the full of his portion
in the whole of y^e real estate of the said
Joseph Everet deceas^d

And the said Nathan Clark & Hannah
Clark for themselves and their heirs hereby agree
and declare that what they have had together
with the sum of forty seven pounds sixteen shillings
and six pence in money which they have received

of said Oliver as before mentioned they accept of and receive as the full of their portion in the whole of the real estate of the said Joseph Everet deceas^{d}.

And the said Joseph Everet for himself and heirs doth hereby declare and agree that what he has had together with the sum of thirty eight eleven shillings and ten pence in money which he has received of said Oliver as aforesaid he receives and accepts of as the full of his portion in the whole of the real estate of the said Joseph Everet deceas^{d}

And the said John Everet for himself

& heirs doth hereby agree and declare that what he has had together with the sum of twenty five pounds nineteen shillings & seven pence in money which he has received of the said Oliver as aforesaid, he receives and accepts of as the full of his portion in the real estate of the said Joseph Everet deceas.d

And the said Isaac Dean and Elizabeth Dean, for themselves and their heirs, do hereby agree and declare that what they have had together with the sum of forty eight pounds six shillings and three pence in money received of said Oliver, which they accept of and receive as the full of their portion in y.e real estate of y.e s.d Joseph

Everet deceasd, & confirms the division thereof.

Now for the confirmation of the foregoing agreement and division in every branch and article thereof, they, the afore named persons, each of them, for themselves and for each and every of their heirs, exers and admrs, do hereby give, grant, release, assign, set over, convey and confirm, each to the other, their heirs and assigns for ever, each of their respective rights as above divided and set to them, without any manner of reclaim, demand, challange or contradiction of any or either of the other parties their heirs or assigns for ever. And it is the honest meaning of this agreement that each of the

afore named persons to whom the afore mentioned piece of land and buildings are herein assigned shall have and hold the same to them their heirs and assigns for ever as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as any conveyance whatever (and duly executed by all the other persons) could have confirmed the same to them. And it is further agreed that if there should be any failure in the original titles of any of the said parcels of land, that the damage sustained thereby shall be a joint cost to all the pd heirs, according to their interest in the said estate.

In witness whereof, the the said Hannah Everet, John Everet, Joseph Everet, Jesse Everet, Edward Everet, Oliver Everet, Nathan Clark, Hannah Clark, Jacob Hewins, Abigail Hewins, Micah Allen, Catharine Allen, Isaac Dean and Elizabeth Dean, have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first herein before written.

Hannah ^ nig Everet, (John Everet, Joseph Everet, Jesse Everett, Edward Everet, Oliver Everet, Nathan Clark Junr, Jacob Hewins, Abigail Hewins, Micah Allen, Isaac Dean, Elizabeth Dean, Catherine Allen, Hannah Clark. (seals).

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence

of us. attst. Jno. Braxton. Joseph Hewins Jun.
Daniel Richards. Samuel Fuller. Elijah Hewins.
Abijah Harlow. Thomas Ethridge. Mary Ethridge.

Administrator's account allowed March
3, 1775.

Heirs' receipt recorded in book 73, page 712.

Suffolk Registry. 1775. No. 15770.

Elijah Capen, junior.

Administration.

March 24. 1775, Priscilla Capen, widow, and Samuel Fuller appointed administrators of the estate of Elijah Capen, junior, late of Stoughtonham, deceased, intestate. Bond £1000. Sureties were David Fisher of Dedham and Ebenezer Fisdale, junior, of Stoughtonham.

[The record entry of appointment (74-360) describes the deceased as "late of Dedham." A mistake?] No other papers.

Suffolk Registry. 1776. No. 15851.

Richard Hixon.

Administration.

March 18. 1776. Richard Hixon, junior, was appointed administrator of the estate of Richard Hixon late of Stoughtonham, gentleman, deceased. Bond £1000. The sureties were Benjamin Savell and Benjamin Richards, both of Stoughtonham.

Inventory filed April 1. 1776. The appraisers were Joseph Hewins, Daniel Richards and Edward Bridge Savell

	£	s.	d.
Cash, apparel & books and promisary notes	12	8	8

	£ s. d. qr.
Bedding and furniture.	14-0-5
Household utensils.	16-19-6-1
Utensils of husbandry and furniture for horses.	4-4-3-1
Indian corn, rie, meat and other provisions	20-6-11-1
One horse and two oxen.	22-6-8-
Four cows and three young cattle.	22-2-8-
Fourteen sheep.	5-19-0
One half of four swine.	2-0-0
Woolen yarn, wool, and a small remnant of new cloth.	1-9-5-1
Cedar stuff for shingles and 1½ hive of bees.	1-4
	122-2-7-0

His real estate.

His homestead about 10 acres with all the buildings thereon.	525-9-4
About seven acres of land on the east side of Taunton Road.	25-4-0
About seven acres of cedar swamp.	9-6-8
	560-0-0

Division of the real estate.

Daniel Richards, Edward Bridge Savell and Joseph Newins were appointed to divide the real estate, and filed their return August 29, 1777, viz.

Suffolk Ss. To ye Honble Thos. Cushing Esqr, Judge of Probates for ye County of Suffolk &c. Sheweth.

That pursuant to your warrant dated May ye 23, 1777 impowering us the subscribers to make a just and equal division of the real estate whereof Richard Hixson late of Stoughtonham in ye county above sd deceasd intestate died seized, between his widow & four children

as the law directs, provided it can be done without great prejudice, otherwise set off the widow's dower & report how many of y^e children it will accommodate &c. We have undertook the aforesd trust, being first sworn, and notified the parties interested, having carefully viewed said real estate, and have set off to the widow Sarah Hixson her dower thereof in manner following, viz. we assigned to sd. widow the easterly end of the house where she now dwells from y^e middle of the stack of chimneys & y^e cellar under the same, a common use of the oven in the west end of the house, a common use of the well of

water with liberty of passing to and from each of them at all times during her life, and convenient yard room by said end of y^e house, also ten feet in breadth at y^e southerly end of the barn throughout with liberty of passing to & from the same with teams, cattle, or otherwise at all time during her life. But the land on which the house & barn stands is not to be deemed as a part of her dower after her decease, so as to be apprized as part thereof (only the buildings thereon) the land being considered in the apprisement of one of the settlements hereafter mentioned.

We have also set off to p^d widow about 27 acres of land on the southerly side of the

town road that passes through the said real estate, and sd thirds are bounded northerly therewith, easterly with Taunton road about 24 rods to a small walnut tree markd then runing westerly 24 rods to a chestnut tree markd, then runing southerly about 54 rods to a double walnut tree near Josiah Harris's line, then runing westerly in Harris's line about 24½ rods to a stake. from thence runing northerly 10 rods to a stake, from thence runing northwesterly full 48 rods to a stake & stone heap, from thence proceeding northwesterly with a varying line and bounded with two heaps of stones at the foot of a hill near the fence about [illegible]

to a small white oak tree, from thence running westerly about 25 rods to a stake & stones near the fence, from thence running northerly through sd orchard to a heap of stones in a yard of teams at the road first mentioned near the dwelling house.

Also we have set off to sd widow about four acres and three quarters of meadow in the northwesterly corner of the said farm or real estate, and made and stated the bounds thereof, all which is in full of said widow's right of dower in sd real estate of sd sd deceasd (with a further allowance to said widow full liberty of passing from her part of sd barn to her part of the meadow with cattle, teams, or otherwise

at all proper times to and from each other during her life, also the occupied way with cars through the widow's part of sd orchard as it is now used, is hereby reserved to the heirs of the remaining part of the two thirds that lies to ij southward of said orchard for them to use as a way at all times hereafter.)

And inasmuch as the sd farm or real estate of the sd Richard Hipson deceasd is well accomodated with building having a dwelling house, barn & other buildings near the westerly end thereof, and a dwelling house and barn near the easterly end thereof, we are of the opinion that the remaining two

thirds will accomodate & make two settlements (and no more), and that the separating line for that purpose shall begin at a large stone on ye northerly side of said farm, being a corner of Sam^{el} Hixson's land, and from thence sd seperating line runs southerly strait as the fence stands untill it comes to ye northerly side of sd town road at the middle of a small bridge, then beginning on the southerly side of said road at a stake & stone heap about 10 rods to the eastward of sd bridge, and from thence running southward through part of sd thirds untill it comes to the stake in Josiah Harrises [illegible]

mentioned in the bounding of the thirds aforesaid. The dwelling house and barn and about twenty five & $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land on the easterly side of sd seperating line with about ten acres & a half of meadow adjoining to the widow's meadow & Mashapog brook & Richard Hixson's meadow, & the remaining part of sd 2 thirds as the bounds are now stated, with liberty of a cart way with gates or bars to sd piece of meadow where it will be most convenient & least prejudicial, hereafter for ever. Also one half part of about 7 acres of cedar swamp in Mashapog cedar swamp in common with the other settlement, all which we are of opinion will make one settlement, and we have

apprized the same at the sum of one hundred & seventy three pounds six shillings and eight pence. And the remainder of the buildings & remainder of two thirds of land containing about forty eight acres and a quarter on the westerly side of the aforesd seperateing line, together with one half part of the aforesd 7 acres of cedar swamp, we are of opinion will make the other settlement, which we have apprized at the sum of two hundred & seventeen pounds fourteen shillings & eight pence. All which is humbly submitted, as witness our hands at Stoughtonham, July ye 7th 1777. Daniel Richards. Edwd Bridge Savell, Joseph Blewins.

The record of the foregoing division shows allowance by the Judge of Probate, but the original return on file does not have his signature.

The children of the deceased were Richard Hixon, Samuel Hixon, Elizabeth Hixon and Sarah Monk.

The "settlement" appraised at £217. 14s. 8d. was assigned to Richard Hixon, the eldest son; and the other settlement was assigned to Samuel Hixon, each giving bond to pay to the other heirs their ratable parts of the valuation. Vol. 76 pages 93, 94.

Administrator's accounts, April 2. 1776. and Aug. 29. 1777

Suffolk Registry. 1777. No. 16187.

Josiah Blackman.

Administration.

March 28. 1777, Experience Blackman, widow, was appointed administratrix of the estate of Josiah Blackman, late of Stoughtonham, yeoman, deceased.
Bond £1000. Sureties were Richard Hixson of Stoughtonham and Nathaniel Fisher of Stoughton.

Inventory filed October 3. 1777. Appraisers were Joseph Mewins, Christopher Wadsworth and James Smith, all of

Stoughtonham.

	£ s. d.
His apparel, books and cash.	14-3-1
Three beds and beding.	14-15-5
Pewter and brass utensils.	3-9-3
Other household utensils.	11-8-8
Shoe maker's utensils.	0-13-4
Provisions in the house	8-3-6
Utensils of husbandry	1-5-0
The old cow and calf.	6-6-8
Nept best cow.	6-0-0
Yong cow and calf.	5-6-8
The farrow cow.	4-13-4
Two two-year old heffers.	6-6-8
Ten sheep.	6-0-0

£ 337

Two swine. 2-5-0

His dwelling house and barn and other small buildings, and by estimation sixty two acres of land, be it more or less. 180-0-0

Stoughtonham, April 1st 3d 1777. the Tottle, £ 270-17-1

Bond given July 3, 1778 in accordance with resolve of the General Court (Mar. 4. 1778) on petition for leave to sell real estate. The sureties were Samuel Fuller of Stoughtonham and Jeremiah Tolman of Thomas Town in the county of Lincoln. Bond £600

Account, Sept. 11, 1778, Distribution ordered, same date, to Experience Blackman the widow of the intestate, Josiah Blackman

the eldest son, and to Experience and Mary, other children of the deceased. The deceased is here called a cordwainer

Suffolk Registry. 1776. No. 15897.

Benjamin Rhodes.

Administration

April 1. 1776, administration was granted to Anna Rhodes, widow, on the estate of Benjamin Rhodes, late of Stoughtonham, yeoman, deceased. Bond £1000. Sureties are Job Swift and Jeremiah Gould, both of Stoughtonham. No other papers.

Suffolk Registry. 1777. No. 16275.

Jacob Johnson.

Administration.

June 6. 1777 administration was granted to Mercy Johnson, widow, and Elijah Hewins, physician, on the estate of Jacob Johnson late of Stoughtonham, deceased. Bond £1000. The sureties were Joshua Johnson of Stoughtonham and Frederick Pope of Stoughton.

Inventory filed May 29. 1778. The appraisers were Samuel Hewins, Job Swift and Edward bridge Savell.

	£ s. d.
Cash. Apparel & books.	15-6-9
One yoak of oxen.	19-0-0
Two cows & one calf.	15-2-0
One horse.	7-0-0
One yearling colt.	6-0-0
Two swine	4-2-0
Seven sheep & two lambs.	5-17-0
Six young cattle.	24-15-0
Utensils of husbandry.	6-0-6
A quantity of new cloth & spun yarn.	11-2-8
A quantity of wool & flax.	3-10-2
About ten pounds of feathers.	1-3-0
Bedding & furniture.	11-?-6
Household utensils.	12-10-8

£ 343

Provisions in the house.	14-0-10
Cash due on twelve notes of hand, exclusive of interest.	30-4-8
A quantity of lumber	2-6-8
Total of the personal.	189-12-5
One hundred acres of land with the buildings thereon	466-13-4
About one acre & half of cedar swamp.	6-0-0
{Total of the real estate 477-13-4}	662-5-9

Samuel Hewins
Job Swift
Edward Bridge Sewell

[FAC SIMILES OF SIGNATURES OF APPRAISERS.]

Dower set off to the widow, Mercy Johnson. July 12, 1778. The commissioners were Samuel Hewins, Ebenezer Tisdal and Thomas Randall.

Account, June 12. 1778. Some of the bills paid were to Benjamin Harlow, Joshua Swift, Sarah Holland, Joshua Johnson, John Johnson, Mary Payson and Jonathan Jordan: The following are some items —

Entertaining the apprizers at Randal's Tavern 4s., Paid Esq. Clap for swaring the apprizers 2s., Paid Esq. Clap for swaring the men that made 4ª division 6s., Paid to the men that made the division for their service £5-14s. For entertaining the men that made the division £1-4s., Paid for a pair of grave stones £3-12s.

One item of receipt is, By an old musquet,

not prised, the sum of £2-0-0

"Memorandum. June 12th 1778. Mr. Elijah Hewins one of admors sworn, & this acct. is not pass'd till Mercy Johnson the other admor is sworn."

Distribution of balance of personal estate to the widow, Mercy, and to the four children, Oliver, Jacob, David and Mercy.

Suffolk Registry. 1777 No. 16291.

Clifford Belcher.

There was no will, nor administration The only paper on file is a "divisional agreement" made January 25. 1776 [The date on the outside is June 26. 1777] by and between Mehetabel Belcher of Stoughton, widow," and the natural mother of Clifford Belcher late of Stoughtonham," yeoman, deceased, and her three children, Joseph Belcher of Stoughton, Supply Belcher of Stoughtonham., yeoman, and Mehetabel Harris wife of Josiah Harris of Stoughtonham. "Whereas the above named

Clifford Belcher and his wife and their three children were all of them by the awfull dispensation of Providence taken away by death, and leaving no natural issue to inherit his estate, and Jonathan Copeland of Bridgewater, (yeoman) the father of said Clifford's wife deceas'd having quitted all claim to said estate, as by his deed thereof duly executed may appear, his above named mother, brothers and sister (the parties to these presents) have mutually agreed and actually made and finished a perpetual division and partition of the real estate of the said Clifford deceas'd."

Mehetabel Belcher releases her interest.
Joseph Belcher, for £114, assigns his interest to Josiah and Mehetabel Harris.
The instrument then goes on to assign to "Supply Belcher & to his heirs & assigns for ever about one hundred & thirty seven acres of woodland lying on both sides of Taunton road (so call'd) at a place call'd Rattle Snake hill, all which is in full of his third part of the real estate of the said deceas'd. And the said Josiah Harris & Mehetabel Harris their heirs & assigns for ever shall have all the home farm in Stoughtonham lying on both sides said road, containing about one

hundred acres, together with the dwelling house and barn and all the other buildings thereon; the half part of a lot of meadow in ford meadow (so call'd), and two third parts of a lot of salt mash in Dorchester; all which is in full of the remaining two thirds of the real estate of the said deceas'd." Signed by the four parties. The witnesses are Joseph Hewins and Nathaniel Peirce.

Suffolk Registry. 1778. No. 16660

William Wright.

Administration

August 28, 1778 administration was granted to David Wood, of Stoughtonham on the estate of William Wright, late of Stoughtonham, cordwainer, deceased. Bond £1000. Sureties, Jonathan Billings and Joseph Wood, both of Stoughtonham.

March 30, 1789 Joshua Wood of Foxborough, physician was appointed administrator de bonis non, his father David Wood having died. Bond £5000. Sureties

were Samuel Bird and Royall Kolloch, both of Sharon.

Inventory "taken in Sept. 1778", but filed Nov. 8. 1790 by Joshua Wood, "as the inventory which his late father David admr. to said deceased ought to have rendered in, but was prevented from so rendering by his death." The items in the inventory (not copying the valuation) are hat, best coat and jacket, great coat, 2 jackits and a pair of bretches, 3 linnen shirts, 3 pair of hose, a pair of woolen gloves & 1 leather ditto, a pair of shoes & buckel, russel gown, scarlet riding hood, quilt, pair of stays, bonnet, apron, 3 caps and a handkerchief,

gold necklace, 2 gold rings & a silver one,
silver spoon & thimble, pair of jewels, books,
bed, bedsted covering & furniture, bed bolster
and under bed, coverlid, vallances & a pillow,
table linen and a pair of sheets, brass kettle,
skillit & skimmer, large puter platter, smaller
ditto, old puter, Delph ware, 4 pictures, looking
glass, 2 round tables, 3 old chests, bedsted &
an old trunk, 4 iron pots, tea kettle, iron kettle,
bason & stew pan, pair of flatirons & bootiron
pair of stilyeards, large low comb, small
ditto, 2 trammels, fire shovel & a pair of tongs,
3 iron skillets, 3 iron dogs, gridiron, old iron,
sho makers tools, tool for making lasts, earthen

ware, glass bottles, 2 meal tubs, old casks, bench & a number of casts, 3 trays & 2 pails. 2 sieves, 3 boxes, wooden plates & dishes, morter & pestle, hair sieve & two baskets, calf skin, footwheel, chairs, 2 meal sacks, chest with drawers, deer skin, cow, hog, piece of land near Mr. Clark, part of an house & the priviledge thereto belonging. Total £288.15s. The appraisers were Nathaniel Guild of Walpole, Nathaniel Kingsbury and David Fisher, both of Stoughtonham.

Estate represented insolvent June 23, 1789. Ebenezer Warren and Eleazer Belcher appointed commissioners to receive claims.

Account allowed November 8. 1790, covering the administration of David Wood. Some of the payments are as follows, — "To keeping a hogg from July ye 15. 1778 to October ye 3d 1778, £4.18.0", also payments made to Dr. George Grossman, Dr. Samuel Hewins, Dr. Samuel Wood and Dr. Elijah Hewins. The amount £72-1-8, in paper money, is stated in the account to be equal to £15-40 in silver money. 2 bonds, and a note due to Silence Clap are mentioned, dated, two of them, bond and note in 1743, and the other in 1747.

Suffolk Registry. 1778. No. 16678.

Richard Hixson.

Administration.

September 25. 1778 administration was granted to Mary Hixson, widow, and Nathaniel Fisher on the estate of Richard Hixson late of Stoughtonham, tanner, deceased. Bond £5000. Sureties Thomas Crane and Ezekiel Fisher.

Inventory filed October 16. 1778. His homestead containing about 102 acres (including y^e buildings which are as follows, viz. y^e west end of y^e dwelling house, 4/5 of

	£	s.
the barn, corn barn, bark house &c.)	1576	15
A farm lying near Mashapog pond containg.		
87 acres (including yᵉ buildings)	1087	10
A wood lot on Rattle Snake hill,		
(so called), containg. 160 acres.	720	0
The 40th lot in yᵉ 25 divisions, containing 20 acres.	120	0
A pasture lying by Mashapog pond, containg. about 17ª	143	0
A cedar swamp lying in Mashapog cedar swamp. containg. 8ª½	51	0
Total of yᵉ real estate	3698	5
Cash due by notes of hand.	307	14-3
Interest now due on pd. notes.	29	2-9½
Tanner's utensils.	4	15
Stock of bark.	30	5
Do. of merchantable sole leather	41	12

Do. of sole leather in y^{e} tan pits, estimated at	235-0
Do. of merchantable upper leather.	248-0
Do. of upper leather in y^{e} tan pits, estimated at.	243-0
Sheep skins, lime, &c.	4-12-6
Weaver utensils	19-15
Collier's utensils	6-19
Stock of charcoal, coal pits	47-9-6
Spinner's utensils	5-18
Stock of flax, wool, cotton, tow, worsted and yarn.	36-9
Farming utensils.	119-15
Military accoutrements.	9-1
Household furniture.	113-18
Wearing apparel.	89-9
Four beds with their furniture, table cloths & towels.	85-

	£	s.
Pewter and brass.	10	17
Two bibles, 14 bound books, and 9 pamphlets.	6	8
Grain of all sorts.	96	8
Cheese, apples, potatoes, tobacco & hops.	39	6
Live stock, consisting of one horse, 7 cows, two yoke of cattle, 7 young cattle, 42 sheep, 7 hogs & shoats, poultry &c.	565	0
Hay & other fodder.	105	0
Old iron, hayseed, and sundry small articles.	26	18
Horse stable at the meeting house.	3	0
Total of y^e^ personal estate	2668	12-0½

Appraisers were Elijah Dunbar, John Kenny and Edward B. Savell.

Distribution to widow and children, Dec. 31, 1779.

Account of the administrators allowed November 12. 1779.

A further account allowed June 13. 1786. from which the following extracts are taken -

The accounts of Mary Eaton (late Mary Hipson) as she is acting administratrix on ye estate of Richard Hipson, the second, late of Sharon deceased, the said admnx. charges hir self with the whole of the personal estate of said deceases personal estate that remained in hir hands in November 1779 when the former accounts waire settled being the sum of £2474-12-9 in paper money, and worth in silver (computing the same at seven and an half for one, being

what was call^d the current price by the appraizors at the time of takeing the inventory) the sum of three hundred & twenty nine pounds 17/4 - £329-17-4.

Also she is chargable with the use & improvement of the real estate up to March 1786, which, considering the verey heavey taxes she has paid on ye unimprovable parte of the same (the unimprovable parte being large), the class taxes & all other burdens on account of the war, & on account of hir bringing up the family, is charged at only three pounds pr. year, she having repaired considerable fence &c. £ 24-0-0

Some items for which the administratrix asks to be allowed are the following: —

	£	s.	d.
To one cow that died by sickness	2	13	4

	£	s.	d.
To the fodder that was in the barn that was spent to keep the cattle that was appraised	14	0	0
To corn, rye, wool & flax &c. that went to supporte the family, that are charg'd as pr. inventy	21	13	0
To the cow & hoggs that waire killed for meat & went for the supporte of the family the first year, that are charged in y^e^ inventory.	6	13	4
To his waireing apparrell that went to the use of the family to cloath them &c.	11	19	0
Paid Joseph Mewris for sundry necessarys for the family when he lay sick, in paper money £ 5-14-0, worth in silver	0	19	10

[other items in the account not copied here.]

Widow's dower. Commissioners were Elijah Dunbar, William Wheeler, both of Stoughton, and Edward Bridge Savell of Stoughtonham. Return setting off dower allowed by the Judge June 13. 1786. The dower lands were

1. 25 acres. 1 qr. 32 rods, partly upland and partly meadow, with part of the dwelling house and barn, bounded south on a town road till it comes to the dwelling house, then running northerly from the front door through the centre of the chimney to the north side of the house, then easterly to the centre of the well, then N 18½° E 1 ch. 9 l. to a

A plan of the homestead belonging to the heirs of Richard Hixson late of Sharon, Gent. deceased. Laid down by a scale of 5 chains to an inch. May 1786.

rock, then SE to the north post of the great barn doors, then 50 l. to a stake, then N 25 1/4° E, 322 l. to a large rock by the bars. then NW to a meadow formerly Samuel Hipson's, then bounded NW on said meadow, northerly on a brook, and easterly on land of Philip Wentworth.

2. 20 acres, 1 qr. 24 rods bounded northerly on land of Jacob Shepard, widow Unity Billing and John Tolman, westerly on land of said Tolman, southerly on land of Joseph Lewins in part and partly on land of heirs of said deceased "& y old wido Hipson's thirds" till it comes to a red oak marked, then SE on

a meadow fence.

3. 1/4 acre 23 rods, near the west end of the dwelling house, bounded S by the road.

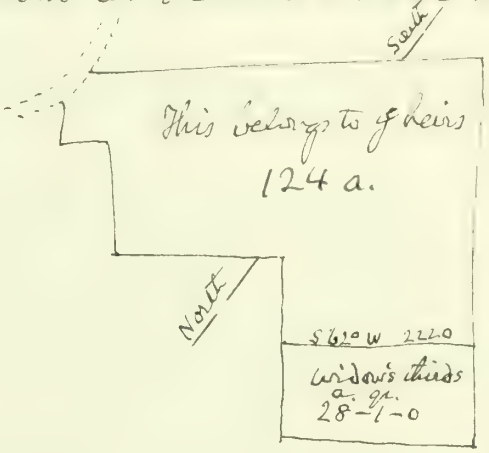
4. 1 acre 3 qr. 14 rods bounded S on land of Josiah Harris, E and N^{E} on old wid^{o} Hixson's thirds", &c.

[2^{d}] 40 acres out of the Payson farm bounded E on a town road, N on land of Rev. Philip Curtis, S on a house lot in part, and partly on land of Benjamin Randall, and W on land of heirs of said deceased.

[3^{d}] wood lot, known as Blackman's lot 1^{a} acres, bounded N on land of Benjamin Randall and widow Reynolds, W on Mohawk

swamp, S on land of Thomas Clark, and E on a town road.

[4th] Wood lot, known as Rattle Snake hill lot, 28 a. 1 qr.



[5th] 2 acres in Massapog cedar swamp which several pieces of land are in full of the widow's thirds. Accurate plans of the same we have subjoined.

Division, approved March 31, 1789 of land that had been the dower of "the old

widdow Sarah Hixson out of the real estate of Richard Hixson the elder. The lot on the south of the town road was divided into two parts. The eastern part (18 a. 2 qr. 17 rods) was assigned to Mary Eaton wife of Jabez Eaton, formerly Mary Hixson widow. Reference is made to deed to her from Samuel Hixson, Elizabeth Hixson and George Monk and Sarah his wife in her right (3/5). The western part was assigned to the four children of Richard Hixson the younger (2/5). Also division of another lot at the brook. Plans on the return. The warrant recites that widow Sarah Hixson had released her thirds to her children Samuel,

Elizabeth and Sarah and the heir of Richard her eldest son, and that Mary, widow of Richard the second had purchased in her own right 3/5 of said thirds of said Samuel, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Division of the real estate of Richard Hipson, the younger, among his four children, viz. Richard Hipson (youngest child), Susanna Fisher wife of Elijah Fisher (eldest daughter), Marah Hipson (second daughter), and Unity Hipson youngest daughter). Commissioners were Capt. Edward Bridge Savell, Capt. William Billing and James Endicott. Return allowed November 23, 1789. Only a part of the

return is here abstracted.

As Richard Hixson is the youngest child & the sisters are likely to want their parts before Richard comes of lawfull age. we have assigned him just his duble shaire in land exactly. I (viz) Richard to have the house lot of 9 acres 0 qr. 19 rods with the buildings thereon on the north side of the road bounded as aforesaid appraised at £61-10-0 allowing liberty for the water to run through this piece into the land set of unto Elijah Fisher & his wife & not to be stopt or hindered. The 28 acres 1 qr. 29 rods lying on y^e south side

of the road with the barke house, tan yard &c. valued as aforesaid at £116-10-6 [and other pieces] Liberty being allowd for ye water to run through ye first piece into ye second division.

2d Set off to Elijah Fisher and Susana his wife in her right (she being the eldest daughter) 11 acres 1 qr. on the north side of the road bounded on Hewins's land. Also 20½ acres on the south side of the road on the easterly side of Richard's 28 acres 1 qr. 19 rods as afore described. [and other pieces]

3d Set off to Marah Hyson (second daughter).

4th Set off to Unity Hyson (youngest daughter)

Suffolk Registry. 1778. No. 16779.

John Bradshaw.

Administration.

December 4. 1778, administration on the estate of John Bradshaw late of Stoughtonham, husbandman, granted to William Bradshaw, also of Stoughtonham. Inventory filed Nov. 25. 1783, £213-14-0. 2 accounts. The second account allowed July 13. 1784 contains charge "for boarding & clothing his son Joseph" 193 weeks @ 4/ pr. week, also "for schooling & educating said boy at sundry times £4"

Suffolk Registry. 1779. No. 16958.

Josiah Morse.

Administration.

April 30. 1779 administration on the estate of Josiah Morse late of Stoughtonham [afterwards Foxborough] deceased, was granted to Dorothy Morse, widow, and Uriah Atherton, founder, of Stoughtonham. Bond £50,000. Sureties were John Spear of Brookline and Joseph Patrick of Boston (clerk).

Inventory and account on file.

Petition of the widow for allowance.

Foxborough, feb.r 4 — 8 day, 1780.

To the Honble Judge of Probate for the county of Suffolk. The petition of the widow Dority Morse humbly sheweth, That on the 19 day of September 1775 it pleased God to take away the husband of your handmade by death, and at the same time your handmade was left with 3 small children, the oldest of them not more then seven years old and at the same time was pregnant with another which was borne in about three months after the death of my husband and at the same time I was left very poor as to the comforts of life to support

myself and children, and had it not ben
for y charity of y people about me, I and
my 4 young children must have suffered.
I am informed y my administrator Mr.
Wm Atherton that y Hon'd Judge of
Probate ordered him to sell of y little poor
movable estate that my husband left to pay
y debts and charges. Should that be don,
it would entirely put me out of a capacity
of supporting myself and children Mr. Dwyer.
Pray, sir, let me have y movable stat. It
is but a small matter and very poor but
I cannott do without it. Pray, sir, let
y administrator have orders to sell a few

of sd Land to pay ye debts and charges which might be don and not brake up my family. Your petitioner in dutey bound shall ever pray. Dority ~~Nov~~ Morse
ward

Roxborough febr. ye 28 day. 1780.

To ye Honored Thomas Cushing, Judge ye Probate for ye County of Suffolk.

Honored Sir, We, ye suberibers have perused ye above lines that ye wido Dority Morse wrote to your honer, and we find them to be ye truth, and much more might be said as to ye dificulty this poor widor has undergon with her young children sence

y^e death of her husband. Pray, sir, let her have y^e movable estate and we verily believe it would be just for your Honour to give it to her. Pray, sir, let y^e administrator have orders to sell a piece of out land to pay y^e debts, which would be best for y^e family. Your humble servents,

Josiah Pratt
Sam^l Billing
Nathaniel Clark
} Selectmen for y^e town of Foxborough.

On the back of the above petition are the following minutes:—

Children & heirs of Josiah Morse.

John Morse, more than 16 years old.

Joseph Morse, more than 14 years old.

Josiah Morse, above 21 years old.

Barsheba Morse, now Leathers, above 21 years of age.

Mary Morse, above 21 years of age.

Israel Morse, 10 years old 14 June 1780.

Abigail Morse, 12 years " 15 August 1780.

Oliver Morse, 7 years 27 May 1780.

Spencer Morse 2 years & nine months old when he dyed, which was ye 15 Sept. 1779.

The four last have lived with the mother ever since their father's death.

Inventory filed August 27. 1779.

Appraisers were Samuel Billing, Josiah Pratt and Benjamin Fairbanks, all of Stoughtonham.

The items are, one cow, 2 old beds and beding and bedsteeds, 2 old chests and one table, one pot and one teckettel, an old warming pan, a sweet tub, 2 tramels, a poor fire peal and a pair of fire tongs, about 15 pound wate of old pewter vessels, halfe a case of knives and forks, an old Bible and sundry other books, 5 poor chars, a pillion, a old ax, old iron [total amount, £133-2]

A small house and about sixty acres of land £650

Twenty nine acres and three quarters of out lands 330

Account filed June 9. 1780, has the items "To 2 quarts of rum for running line & the prisors £2-9-0" "To so much allowed

& widow £15-0-0 at 25 for £375."

Widow's dower set off. Return filed June 4. 1782. Commissioners were Ezra Morse of Stoughtonham, John Baxter Jr and Daniel Kerry both of Medfield. The dower was "about thirty acres of land in Foxborough bounded northerly on a way in part and in part on land of Ebenezer Billings till it comes to a stake and stones, and then easterly on the two thirds of said estate to a stake & stones on the southerly line of said estate, then southerly on land of Nathan Clark, westerly on land belonging to Elisabeth Boyden to the bound first mentioned with a small dwelling house thereon".

Suffolk Registry. 1779. No. 16990.

Jeremiah Gould.

Administration.

May 28. 1779, Keziah Gould, widow, and Ezra Gould were appointed administrators of the estate of Jeremiah Gould. Sureties were Samuel Gould and Job Swift, all of Stoughtonham. No other papers on file.

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Suffolk Registry. 1779. No. 17025.

Benjamin Bullard.

Administration

June 25. 1779 administration was granted to Judy Bullard on the estate of her husband Benjamin Bullard, late of Stoughtonham, deceased. Bond £100,000. Sureties were Benjamin White of Stoughtonham and Seth Fuller of Dedham.

Inventory filed August 6. 1779.

Appraisers were Daniel Richards, Benjamin Hewins and William Richards Jr.

	£	s	d
Homelot about 46 acres with the buildings thereon	1150	0	0

	£ s. d.
About acre of meadow bottom at Pigeon swamp.	60-0-0
Wearing apparel of ye deceasd, and some books.	57-11-0
Five guns & other accuthements, and some ammunition &c.	8-10-0
Pewter and brass vessels and dishes.	46-7-0
Three beds and beding-furniture, linen &c.	98-7-0
Looking glass, chests, tables, chairs &c.	44-7-0
Pots, kettles and other kitchen furniture.	31-15-0
Cyder-casks, meat-tubs, and other dry casks.	13-10-0
Saddle, bridle and pillion.	
Scythes, hoes, axes, old iron, & other utensils of husbandry.	48-0-0
One load of ash timber	7-10-0
One horse 6 £ two cows 105 £ and two heifers 45 £	156-0-0
Seven sheep £ 31-10/ and two swine 30 £	61-0-0
Total	£ 1793-8-0

Account allowed February 12. 1782. The administratrix charges herself with £596-6-0 which is followed by the statement, "The above reduced to solid coin is £40-7-5"

Return of commissioners setting off dower to the widow. They were also empowered to divide the remainder of the real estate among the six children of the deceased, if capable of division.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Suffolk Ss. To the Honble Oliver Wendell Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk, &c. Pursuant to your warrant dated ye 12 day of Febr A. D. 1782 appointing & empowering us the subscribers to make

a just & equal division of ye real estate whereof
Benj: Bullard late of Stoughtonham in ye County
aforesaid dec'd intestate died seized, having
undertook said Trust being first sworn, have
proceed according to our best skill & judgement
and sett off to the widow her dower or thirds
in the real estate as follows, viz. being the
northerly part of ye farm containing about
twelve acres of land, more or less, including
ye whole of ye dwelling house and the well
of water and likewise a small garden
near the dividing line, as said garden is
now fenced in, with liberty to pass to &
from sd. garden, reserving to the remainder

two thirds a common use of the well of water and likewise the use of a spring of water in said thirds in common with a widow to pass to and from said spring where it shall be least prejudicial, sd. thirds being bounded as follows viz. westerly on land of Enoch Hawins, northerly on land of Samuel Fuller, easterly with a line of land belonging to Daniel Richards until it comes to a white oak stump, being an ancient bounds in said Richards line and southerly on the remaining two thirds by a line beginning at said white oak stump and running about a southwesterly course to a heap of stones about ten feet

south of ye said well, thence the same course to a stake & stones in ye line of ye said Enoch Hewins first mentioned.

The remaining two thirds of the home lot containing about thirty four acres (exclusive of a small parcel of said land that being the real property of ye eldest son) together with about one acre of meadow bottom lying in Pigeon swamp (so called), all which being the remaining part of pd estate, which part we have apprized at seventy pounds.

We further crave leave to report as our humble opinion that pd estate will admitt of but one settlement without great prejudice to sd. estate.

Stoughtonham, April ye 3d 1782.

Saml. Hewins. Daniel Richards, Benjª Hewins.
Suff. Ss. I approve & allow of this return.
Boston, May 16th 1786. O. Wendell, J. Prob.

Assignment by the Judge of Probate,
May 16, 1786 to Benjamin Bullard, the
eldest son, of the real estate remaining
to be distributed, as it will not admit of
division without great prejudice, Benjamin
having given bond to pay their shares to the
other children, — Oliver, Lewis, Zephora, Jerusa,
and Judith.

[A rubbing from the seal attached to said assignment.]

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Suffolk Registry. 1780. No. 17144.

David Drake.

Administration.

March 3. 1780. Administration was granted to Oliver Drake on the estate of David Drake, late of Stoughtonham, deceased. Bond £50,000. Sureties were Joseph Drake and Jonathan Clark, mason, all of Stoughtonham.

Widow's request. I desire of the Judge to except of these words as tho I com myself, for I am under such dificulties children being not well I cannot com.

I desire of the Judge to give a leter of administration to my eldest sun.

Hannah Drake

Inventory filed March 24. 1780.

Appraisers were Dr. Elijah Hewins, Enoch Hewins and Edward Tisdale ["Tisdle".], all of Stoughtonham.

Household furniture.

	£	s.	d
best feather bed, bolster under bed bedstead, pillow and bed cord.	140	0	0
Second bed, under bed, bolster & bedstead.	65	0	0
Trundle bed, under bed & bedstead.	60	0	0
Two coverlids a pair of sheets in the best bed.	88	10	0
One coverlid, one blanket, and sheet in ye trund. bed.	32	5	0

	£ 399
Large iron pot.	6-0-0
Middle sized iron pot.	7-0-0
Little iron pot.	4-10-0
Iron kettle.	3-0-0
Iron skillet, bason & spider.	9-0-0
Two puter platters & six plates.	9-10-0
Four wooden dishes and platter	4-10-0
Ten puter spoons.	3-0-0
One table.	3-0-0
Wollen spining wheel.	3-0-0
Foot wheel.	9-0-0
	457-10-0
A pair of large iron dogs.	15-0-0
Tongs and fire shovel.	6-0-0
Trammel.	7-0-0

	£ s. d.
Two old sives.	4-10-0
Bead trough.	4-10-0
Old pillon and cloath.	1-10-0
One old meal bag.	2-0-0
Two pails, & one piggon and wooden tray.	3-0-0
One churn.	3-0-0
Old pannel.	12-0-0
Old great chair	4-10-0
Five old chairs.	4-10-0
One old chest and lock.	6-0-0
Two old tubs.	3-0-0
Warming pan.	15-0-0
Three cider barrels & three meat tubs.	18-0-0
Pair of flat irons.	12-0-0
	121-10-0

Wearing apperal.

	£	s.	d.
Great coat.	50	- 0	- 0
Clos bodied coat.	15	- 0	- 0
Hat.	18	- 0	- 0
Shoes.	9	- 0	- 0
Two pair of stockens.	15	- 0	- 0
Four dressed sheepskins.	15	- 0	- 0
	122	- 0	- 0

Produce.

About forty weight of salt pork.	30	- 0	- 0
One hundred & fifty wt of beef.	67	- 10	- 0
About fifteen bushel potatoes.	30	- 0	- 0
Half a bushel beans.	6	- 0	- 0
One peck of salt.	2	- 0	- 0
Two bushel of flax seed.	18	- 0	- 0

	£ s. d.
Twelve bushels of Indian corn.	72-0-0
Flax in the bundle.	75-0-0
One tun of English hay.	120-0-0
One tun of meadow ditto.	60-0-0
About 5 hundred bushel of charlock.	300-0-0
	786-10-0

Farming utensils.

Old cart & wheels with rolls & pin.	120-0-0
Three old ploughs.	45-0-0
Horse traces, collar and hames.	24-0-0
Two draught chains.	42-0-0
Beetle and wedges.	15-0-0
Two iron bars.	45-0-0
Four axes.	18-0-0
One gun & bayonett.	18-0-0

Hay fork & muck fork.	7-0-0
Cole rake - old -	1-10-0
Two broad hoes & one narrow hoe.	4-10-0
Two iron shod shovels.	3-0-0
One shave.	7-10-0
Inch & a half orger.	3-12-0
Inch orger.	1-10-0
One bell.	0-0-0
Old hand saw.	1-10-0
Two chisels and gough.	3-0-0
Shoemaker's hammer.	1-0-0
One grindstone.	24-0-0
One saddle and bridle.	67-10-0
New cole rake.	3-0-0

	£ s. d.
One ox Head and horse Head.	9-0-0
Two sythes with tackling.	18-0-0
One stub syth.	4-10-0
One frow	3-0-0
One post ax.	3-0-0
Two ox yokes with bows, rings & staples.	18-0-0
	151-10-0

Live stock.

One yoke of oxen.	650-0-0
One mare.	300-0-0
Red line back cow & calf.	330-0-0
Black line back cow.	300-0-0
Brindle farrow cow.	225-0-0
Eight sheep.	168-0-0
One hog.	45-0-0

Sconcumpenshen swamp.

Is not this the same as Conkanpeinshon Swamp? There is in the plans of the Dorchester Proprietors (in custody of the Register of Deeds of Norfolk County) plan No. 12 of "Conkanpeinshon cedar swamp in Stoughton laid out 1716 finished June 23. 1731." Within the plan are the words "laid out to John Mawdsley, Clement Fenning, Nicholas Williams A. R. P. 8 - 3 - 0 11"

This swamp, as spelled as last above, appears on the Proprietors map of the twenty five divisions of land nearly one mile south of Massapoag pond, between the pond and the present Mansfield line. Daniel Drake, whose inventory mentions the swamp, spelled as first above, lived (Mr. Solomon Talbot says) near Mansfield line

rough copy of plan 12 which much resembles the swamp of same name on plan of the inner five divisions

Eugene Tappan.

July 2. 1[illegible]

Brindle heyffer three years old.	240-0-0
total	2258-0-0
Whole personal estate	4265-3-

Real estate.

Home farm about seventy acres of land with the buildings.	6300-0-0
About four acres in Scorcumpenshen swamp.	180-0-0
Total.	6480-0-0

Account allowed February 2. 1781. contains item of payment to Dr. Elijah Hewins for visits & medicens £ 1162-10 s.; and payment to Abijah Prat for nursing the deceased & family in ye small pox £ 120-0 s.; to Levi Prat for nursing &c. £ 300-0 s.

Warrant to Elijah Hewins, Enoch Hewins and Edward Fisdale to set off the

widows dower and divide the remaining two thirds of the real estate among the eleven children of the deceased, if capable of such division. Return approved March 16. 1781, setting off to the widow about 16 acres of improved land at NW end of the home lot bounded SW on the town road. Also 10 acres of woodland in Marshall's lot. Also the southerly room in the house with one half of all the privileges belonging to the same. Also one half of the barn. The remaining two thirds will make but one settlement, viz about 27 acres of the home lot valued at £108-0-0 other lots £22. Total £130.

Assignment of said remaining real estate by the Judge of Probate to David Drake, "the second son, with the consent of the eldest son"; he giving bond to pay their proportionate parts of the estimated value to the other children. The children mentioned are Oliver (eldest son), David, Abraham, Benjamin, Amie, Hannah, Abiah, Asher, Lewis, Martha and Simeon. Mar. 16, 1781. Recorded Vol. 80, Page 73.

Distribution of balance of personal property to widow and eleven children. (80-69). Abiah is also written Abijah.

In the receipts recorded Vol. 94, Page 291, &c. the children's names appear, some of them

in a different form, viz. Oliver Drake, David Drake, Abraham Drake, Benjamin Drake, Anna Drake, George R. Tucker & Hannah Tucker, Hannah Drake guardian of Zibiah Drake, same guardian of Matthew Drake, Aden Drake, Lewis Drake, Simeon Drake, a minor, is stated to have deceased. Receipts dated 1793, 1796 &c.,

Suffolk Registry. 1781. No. 17369.

Benjamin White.

Administration.

March 16. 1781, administration was granted to Moses White on the estate of Benjamin White, late of Stoughtonham, deceased. Bond £ 50,000. Sureties, Samuel Fuller and George Holmes, both of Stoughtonham. The widow, Mary White, desires said appointment of her son Moses, as her eldest son declines to administer.

Inventory filed April 20. 1781. Appraisers were Benjamin Lewis and Daniel Richards, both of Stoughtonham and Jesse Gay of Dedham.

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The real estate consisted of house lot, 38 acres, with buildings, 26 acres of wild land in Stoughtonham, 60 acres of land in Dedham and buildings, 4 ½ acres of upland and meadow at the edge of fowl meadow, 4 ½ acres of meadow in Pigeon swamp in Stoughton, 3 ½ acres of meadow in fowl meadow - The personal estate consisted of wearing apparel, one fire arm, sword and bayonet, beds bedding furniture, linen, brass and pewter vessels, kitchen furniture, looking glass, chests, tables, spinning wheels, cider casks, neat tubs, dry casks "and other such lumber," old saddle and bridle, old iron, one yoke of oxen, two horses,

four cows, eight sheep, carts, sd wheels, plow, irons and "other utensils of husbandry". Total, in "specie", £749-15-9, of above items.

2 accounts. The first account contains the names of about 25 persons to whom the estate was indebted.

Warrant to set off dower and divide the remainder among the seven children. The commissioners were Daniel Richards, Jesse Gay and Benjamin Lewins. The dower was half of the dwelling house in Dedham "with convenient yard room about the house for the laying of wood &c.", also other real estate. The remaining two thirds of the real estate was

30 acres of land with half of building thereon in Dedham, 4 acres of meadow in Stoughton, 38 acres of land in Sharon and buildings, 20 acres of land in Sharon adjoining to Joshua Whitemore's land. "Said estate will admitt of but one settlement".

Assignment of said remaining real estate, by the Judge of Probate to Benjamin White, the eldest son, Feb. 20. 1787, recorded Vol. 86. Page 89. He gave bond to pay proportional rates to the other children, viz. Moses, Samuel, Mehitable, Beulah, Sarah Lewis and Mary Lewis. Advancements had been made to the last two named children in the lifetime of the deceased.

Suffolk Registry. 1781. No. 17448.

Thomas Fisher.

Administration.

June 5. 1781, administration was granted to Mary Fisher, widow, on the estate of Thomas Fisher late of Stoughtonham, deceased. Bond £50,000. Sureties were Nathaniel Kingsbury of Stoughtonham and Seth Clark of Medfield.

Consent by Seth Fisher and Thomas Fisher that the estate of their father Thomas Fisher "may be settled on any proper person" &c. Dated at Francestown, Sept. 25. 1788.

Inventory shows 70 acres of land with the building. Appraisers were Nathaniel Kingsbury, Ezra Morse and Benjamin Fairbanks.

Warrant to set off dower, &c. The commissioners were Capt. Nathaniel Morse Nathaniel Kingsbury and Philip Withington all of Sharon. Sept. 8. 1788. The dower set off was the land on the east side of the country road, about 17 acres, and also 8 acres on the north side of the land on the west side of the road. The estate "widow's dower included" was settled on Mary Billings wife of Jonathan Billings, one of the daughters

To Mr
gilead Morse
in Sharon

Honered Father & Mother after
our Regards to you we have taken
into Concelder Ration your Letter
& Would have you Sell the Place to
aron Fisher acording to your a
greement. Francestown June 4th 1788

Seth Fisher
Thomas Fisher
Lucy Fisher
Jona Billing Junr
Mary Billing

[THE ABOVE IS FAC SIMILE OF ADDRESS AND CONTENTS OF LETTER (OR NOTE) IN THE FILES.]

Jonathan Billings Jr. [husband of Mary Billings] gave bond, Oct. 7, 1788, with condition that Mary Billings will pay to Seth Fisher, the eldest son, £19-5-1 as his double share, and to Thomas, Ezra, Oliver, Jabez and Lucy Fisher £9-12-6-3 (s. d. far.) each, as their single shares, and will also, upon the death of the widow pay to Seth £11-17-6, and to the other children £5-18-9 each. The sureties were Nathaniel Knigsbury and Aaron Fisher, both of Sharon.

Two accounts filed. The second account is rendered by Gilead Morse and "Mary, his wife, formerly Mary Fisher" and administratrix of the estate; dated and signed, "Medfield,

October 7, 1788. Jedidiah Morse. Mary Morse."

The first account shows "Paid to Capt. Billing Collectr. £ 1287-3, paper currency equal in hard money £ 17-3-2 _ Also to said Billing in hard money £ 3-4-3 _ Paid to Naomi Gould £ 45, equal to £ 0-12-0" Also payments to Josiah Talbot, Ebenr. Hill, Stephen Hawes, Wm. Savage, Thos. Clark, Mary Payson, Nathl. Morse, Wm. Richards junr. Joshua Wood, Caleb Johnson jnr. Benja. Hodges, Samel. Newin, Nathl. Kingsbury, Sarah Hixson, Dr. Elijah Newin, Daniel Richards, Seth Fisher, Benja. Randal, Wm. Ellis, Mary Boyden, Joshua Swift, Enoch Billing, Solomon Gay, Samel. Tolman, Noah Johnson, Benja. Fairbanks,

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John Lewis. The first account is dated and signed "Shedfield. April 3d 1787. Mary Fisher"

Suffolk Registry. 1781. No. 17530.

Benjamin Estey.

Administration.

August 28. 1781. administration was granted to Joanna Estey, widow, on the estate of Benjamin Estey late of Stoughtonham, gentleman, deceased. Bond £30,000. Sureties were Elijah Hewins, physician, and Joseph Hewins Jr.

Inventory October 16. 1781. Appraisers were Joseph Hewins, Daniel Richards and Edward Bridge Savell. Wearing apparel, two old Bibles and other books, fire arm & ammunition, beds, bedding and some other linen, household furniture or utensils, horse furniture,

6 lbs wool, 6 lbs. tow, cider casks, tubs, and other lumber, cart and wheels and other utensils of husbandry, 1 horse, 2 oxen, 2 cows, 1 yearling, 2 swine, 14 geese, corn in the field, hay in the barn, rye in the straw, some flax unrotted, the home lot, 53½ acres, with the buildings thereon, about 1½ acres waste land on west side of Hobbs brook, 10s. and about 1½ acres of swamp in Mashapog cedar swamp. Total £ 295-18-9

Account allowed Nov. 19, 1782. contains 44 items of payment to individuals. One item is— "For one journey down, the Judg not being at home 12 s."

Warrant to set off dower and divide the rest of the real estate among the seven children. The

commissioners were Edward Bridge Sewell, Daniel Richards and Elijah Hewins. Return allowed and filed Nov. 17. 1782. Dower laid bounded on land of Joseph Hewins Jr. and land of Capt. William Billing. Estate will admit of only one settlement. Assignment of the remaining two thirds of the real estate by the Judge of Probate to Job Estey, he giving bond to pay to Joanna Estey, the administratrix, £65-14-3, balance due to her on her account, to Ebenezer Estey, the eldest son, £12-6-5 as his double share, to the legal representatives of Benjamin Estey deceased, legal representatives of Abigail Packer deceased, Lydia Payson, Joanna Bird and Unity Johnson, other

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Children, £ 0-3-2½ each. Assignment dated
Nov. 19, 1782, recorded Vol. 81, Page 671.

Suffolk Registry. 1783. No. 17967.

Ebenezer Holland.

Administration.

13 June 1783. administration was granted to Joseph Holland, cordwainer, on the estate of Ebenezer Holland "late of Stoughtonham", deceased. Bond £ 5,000. Sureties were Moses White of Sharon and Jacob Gould of Walpole. No other paper in the case.

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Suffolk Registry. 1783. No. 18074

Parkman Bradshaw.

Administration.

November 25, 1783. William Bradshaw of Sharon was appointed administrator of the estate of Parkman Bradshaw, late of Sharon, gentleman, deceased. Sureties on bond were Thomas Bayley and Nathaniel Hall (distiller), both of Boston.

Suffolk Registry. 1785. No. 18535.

Ebenezer Tisdale.

Administration.

October 11. 1785 administration was granted to John Drake Jr. on the estate of Ebenezer Tisdale Jr., late of Sharon, deceased. Bond £5,000. Sureties were William Drake of Sharon and Abijah Tisdale of Easton.

To the Honorable Oliver Wendle, Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk:

Whereas my husban Ebenezer Tisdle died y 28th day of May 1785 and left me with sum small children. I see no way that

I can administer on the estate. Therefore I desire you would give a letter of administration to Mr. John Drake Junr (my eldest brother), and you will oblige yours to serve.

Dated Sharon September ye 21st 1785.

Attest. Joanna Tisdale.

Samuel fuller.

Edward Tisdale.

To the Honorble Oliver Wendle, Judge of Probate for County of Suffolk:

Whereas my son Ebenezer Tisdle of Sharon died ye 28th day of May and left a widdow and sum small children, I living out of the County, and on many other accounts

it would be dificult for me to administer on his estate. Therefore I would desire that Mr. John Drake Jnr. of Sharon (eldest brother to widdow) might have a letter of administration on sd estate, and in so doing you will oblige yr Humble Servant,

Dated, Easton, September ye 21st 1785.

Attest. Ebenr Tisdale.

Joseph Gilbert.

Mace Tisdale.

Inventory filed January 10, 1786. Appraisers were Deacon Samuel Bird and Lieut. Samuel Capen, both of Sharon, and Capt. Amasa Williams of Easton [Macey in signature.]

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Dwelling house, barn, corn-barn, improved homestead containing 50 acres at £1-16-0 pr. acre, one pasture about 150 rods easterly from the house containing 12½ acres "set at 6 dolars pr. acre", one piece of meadow containing 4 acres "at £5-8-0 pr. acre" 100½ acres of woodland adjoining the homestead, Stock of cattle, hay and fodder in the barn, with the out-door movables and utensils of husbandry, all in-door movables, household furniture and utensils, money due on notes, and in hand, "State note which reads £26-13-6", 30 lbs. of butter & 100 lbs. of cheese. Total £656-6-4.

Real estate divided of "Ebenezer Tisdale Late of Sharon in that part of the County of

Suffolk which is now Norfolk." Warrant dated Nov. 26, 1799. Commissioners were Benjamin Randall of Sharon, Jeremiah Hixson and John Atherton Jr. both of Stoughton. The return states that division is made "among his three children hereafter named (his other two children having died intestate, by means whereof the said three children became their sole heirs)"

Set off to Priscilla wife of Jesse Smith Jr. (eldest daughter now living) the easterly woodlot, 57 acres, with privilege in orchard of Edward Fisdale.

Set off to Joanna Fisdale (second daughter) the westerly wood lot, 69 acres, and the pasture easterly of the above Edward Fisdale's, (2½ acres,

Set off to Ruth Tisdale (youngest daughter) homestead farm with buildings, 106 acres; and meadow on Marshapog river, 4 acres, she paying to Priscilla £20. Return approved Feb. 25, 1800.

Account allowed March 11, 1788, has the following item "Allow'd the widow a further sum for her care of the children, her charges towards a new meeting house & other charges necessarily incurred £30."

Suffolk Registry. 1788. No. 19040.

Elizabeth Capen.

Administration.

April 1. 1788, administration was granted to Samuel Capen on the estate of Elizabeth Capen (the late wife of Ebenezer Capen) late of Sharon, deceased. Bond £ 5,500. Sureties were Oliver Everet and Ezekiel Capen, both of Sharon.

Inventory filed April 15, 1788. Appraisers were Edward Bridge Savell, William Billing and Benjamin Randall, all of Sharon. 30 acres of land, one acre swamp, & 12 acres of land. No other papers on file.

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Suffolk Registry. 1789. No. 19338.

Samuel Bird.

Administration.

September 8. 1789. administration was granted to Benjamin Kendall on the estate of Samuel Bird, late of Sharon, deceased. Bond "Five thousand pounds L M y". Sureties, Nathaniel Fisher and Ebenezer Glover (seaman), both of Stoughton.

Inventory filed October 19. 1790. Appraisers were Royall Kollock, Samuel Capen and Gilead Morse. 4 1/4 acres of land "on the west side of the pond", piece of "meadow bottom on the south end of the pond", piece of woodland adjoining

land of Belding, Hewins and Gannet, piece of woodland adjoining land of Benjamin Ide, piece of woodland adjoining land of John Johnson and Hiram Hills, piece of swamp land in Peg[illegible] Lot in Hewins's swamp, meadow land adjoining Benjamin Ide's land, house lot 03 acres, [also personal property]

Return made of creditors' claims, by the commissioners appointed to examine them. The commissioners were Joseph Hewins and Jonathan Belding jr. Amount of claims £85-7-5-1.

Account of estate sold by order of Court of Common Pleas at vendue. Some items are over five mortgage homestead, three acres "land near frog pond", land east side of the road, land at the

south end of the pond.

March 20. 1792, order of distribution of estate to the creditors "in the proportion of seven shillings and two pence for every twenty shillings of their respective debts, which is all they can receive till some further discovery of said deceased's estate", viz. to Deacon Samuel Topliffe, Proprietors Treasurer, Benjamin Randall, Noah Wiswell, Col. Jim[a] Mann, Nathaniel Morse, Nathaniel Guild, Dea. Avery, Hezekiah Gay, Richard Arpion, Samuel Bird, Ezekiel Price, Leban Wheaton.

Suffolk Registry. 17-10. No. 19421.

Silence Wild.

Administration

Daughter's request. To the Honble James Sullivan Esqr. Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk &c. Sheweth that my mother widow Silence Wild, late of Stoughtonham, decast leaving neither husband nor child but my self, and I apprehend that the of administration on her estate revolves on me; but by reason of my age I decline the trust, and desire that my son Joshua Wood of Roxborough may be

the admr. on said estate. Foxborough, January 9th 1790. Widow Silence Wood.

"Granted"

January 12. 1790. administration was granted to Joshua Wood, physician, of Foxborough, on the estate of Silence Wild, late of Stoughtonham, deceased. Bond £ 5,000. Sureties were Hezekiah Skinner, physician, of Foxborough, and Richard Billings of Walpole.

Inventory filed April 11. 1791. The appraisers were Nathaniel Clark, Ebenezer Warren and Simon Pettee — Calico gown, russett gown, callimanco gown, home-made gown, gown, 2 striped gowns, mixen cloak, apron, 2 handkerchiefs, pair of stays,

an old gown, 5 petticoats, one riding-hood, 2 pair of sheets, table, 4 napkins, 4 pillow biers, 3 old flanned sheets, pair of stays, 8 lbs. pewter, old brass, iron pot and kettle, bed and bedding, 2 chests, 1 great chair, "silver and gold £1-4-0" 1 cows, a balance due from the estate of William Wright £15-6-4, a note signed by Doctor Joshua Wood £8-16-6, another note signed by same £0-11-4. Total £37-13-4.

Estate represented insolvent. Nathaniel Clark and Simon Pettee appointed Commissioners. Return of Commissioners. The subscribers appointed Commissioners by the Honor.ble Thomas Dawes Jr. Esq.r Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk to

ceive and examin the claims of the several creditors of the estate of Silence Wood, late of Stoughtonham, deceas'd beg leave to report that there appear the following sums due to the following persons as annexed to their respective names as follows, viz.

To the Widow Silence Wood.	£ 30-12-6
To Dr. Joshua Wood.	22-13-7
	53-6-1
Deduct D[r] Wood, being for last sickness & included in acct.	22-13-7
	30-12-6

Foxborough, Feby. y 27th 1792

Nathaniel Clark. Simon Pettee.

2 accounts. In one of them appears the following Charge: —

Stoughtonham, May ye 15th 1776.

Widow Silence Wild Dr to the Subscriber.

To boarding and nursing from May ye 27th
1776 to August ye 14th 1781 £30-12-6.

Silence Wood

May 15. 1792 order of distribution of the Balance
of the estate (£12-11-9) to "Silence Wood the one
creditor".

Suffolk Registry. 1791. No. 19677.

Timothy Billings.

Administration.

February 7. 1791, administration was granted to Benjamin Bates of Mansfield (gentleman) on the estate of Timothy Billings late of Sharon, deceased. Bond £10,000. Sureties were Elizabeth Ellis and Richard Billings of Walpole.

Inventory filed April 5. 1791. Appraisers were Elijah Hewins and Royall Hollock of Sharon, and Richard Billings — Hat, leather boots, great coat, claret colored coat, blue coat, surtout coat, brown coat, brown waistcoat, white do., linen do.,

claret colored do., gray do., black do., black breeches,
brown do., claret colored do., overalls, 3 pr. hose.,
3 shirts, woman's bonnet, 1 prig gown, black worsted
gown and skirt, silk and cotton do., old black cloak,
2 old gowns, worsted do., old linen and worsted gown,
loose do., riding hood, quilted coat, under do.,
curtains, 2 check aprons, short gown, cotton hose,
7 old caps, 7 handkerchiefs, 2 pr. womens mitts,
1 pr. silver shoe buckles and knee do., old sleeve
buttons and jewels, 3 shifts, womens hose, 2 linen
handkerchiefs, 4 towels, 4 pillow caps, 3 table cloths,
Bible, 2 candle sticks, 7 old sheets, high case of
drawers, small do., round table, looking glass,
old chest, 6 sitting chairs, 5 do., two tables,

warming pan, crockery ware tea pot and spoons, two wheels, pair of steelyards, wooden ware, gun, 5 pewter platters, 18 plates, 6 spoons, pint basin, 6 knives, 5 forks, cullender, 2 hoes, frying pan, shovel and tongs, trammel, small brass kettle and skimmer, dripping pan, iron pot, 2 kettles tea kettle and skillet, flax seed sieve, bed bolster and 2 pillows (30s.), bed bolster & 2 pillows (35s.), 2 bed quilts, coverlid, 3 blankets, 2 under beds, 2 bedsteads and cord, shoemaker's lasts and tools, boot tree, grass scythe and tackling, plow irons, 3500 [lbs] English hay 3 sheep, cowhide, 6½ lbs flax, 14 acres mowing and tillage, 22 acres pasture. Total value £77-16-0.

Estate represented insolvent. The commissioners were Elijah Hewins and Royall Pollock. The creditors who proved their claims were Elizabeth Ellis Jr., Benjamin Jarrett, Timothy Clap. Doctor Benjamin Billing, Keziah Clap, Capt. Benjamin Bates, Lieut. Benjamin Billing, Col. Ezra Morse, Lieut William Copeland, Joseph Hewins, Philip White, Thomas Pollock, Levi Morse, Elijah Shaw, Isaac Johnson Jr. George Tucker, Doct. Job Godfrey. Total £123-0-3.

Distribution ordered Jan. 28. 1794 of fragment of "ten shillings and six pence half penny on the pound." Accounts— Bond to sell real estate.

Suffolk Registry. 1792. No. 19924

Stephen Rhoads.

Administration.

April 3. 1792, administration was granted to Daniel Rhoads on the estate of Stephen Rhoads, late of Sharon, non compos, deceased. Bond £ 5,000. Sureties were Benjamin Pettee (gentleman) and John Gregory (blacksmith) of Walpole.

Inventory. Appraisers were Seth Bullard of Walpole, James Kingsbury of Dedham, and David Fisher of Sharon. Real estate 50 acres £145. & personal property £12-2-1.

Account allowed April 2. 1793 has this item - "Paid to Daniel Rhoads for his taking care & providing for his honoured father when an non compos two years £20-16-0".

Guardianship of said Stephen Rhoads. No. 17208. Benjamin Pettee, guardian. Appointed Dec. 24. 1782. Inquisition of the selectmen, Benjamin Hewins, Benjamin Bennett and Nathaniel Kingsbury. Their report dated Dec. 23, 1782. Deliverence Rhoads, wife of Stephen, consents. Account allowed April 3. 1792.

Suffolk Registry. 1792. No. 19976.

George Allen.

Administration.

June 26. 1792, administration was granted to William Savage Jr. of Sharon on the estate of George Allen, late of Sharon, deceased. Bond £10,000. Sureties were Frederick Pope and Samuel Gay of Stoughton.

Inventory filed Oct. 2, 1792. Appraisers were John Drake Jr. and William Drake of Sharon and Samuel Gay of Stoughton.

Book appriged at the sum of	£0-6-0
Bedding and furniture.	1-9-0

Pewter and houshold furniture. £1-18-0

Neet stock. 3-0-0

Promissory note. 21-5-0

£ 27-18-0

The real estate is as follows, viz.

About 35 acors of land at £40-8-9

To the Honble George R. Minot, Esq.r,
Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk.

Whereas my husban George Allen of Sharon has ben deceased for sum time. My advanced age and inability of body has ever rendered me unfit for to take a letter of administration, & my two sons (viz.) Jural Allen and Seth Allen declines doing anything about it, we unanimous

agree that Mr. William Savage Jr. should administer on said deceased estate, and we the subscribers would desire your Honour to grant him the said William Savage a letter of administration accordingly, and you will oblige us. Sharon June 4 11, 1792. Mary Allen. Jurell Allen. Seth Allen. Attest George Crosman.

[Acknowledgment by the signers before George Crosman Justice of the Peace.]

Set-off of dower. Commissioners were Samuel Hewins, William Drake and John Drake Jr. all of Sharon. Their return approved Jan. 8. 1793. Set-off to Mary Allen, the widow, one acre &

improved land bounded west by the Taunton road and on Abram Jordan's land on all other parts. Also four acres of improved land lying westerly of Taunton road bounded on Seth Allen's and others. Also 4 1/4 acres on the easterly part of the wood lot.

Account allowed Nov. 12. 1793.

The said administrator charges himself with the sd deceased personal estate as in the inventory. £ 27-.8-0

And likewise prays allowance for the following sums, viz.

For a journey to Boston for a letter of administration. 0-12-0

Ditto. for cash paid at the probate office 0-13-0

Ditto, for paying Edward Gee for a journey to Boston, for a workman and for apprising sd estate. £ 3-8-0

For paying John Drake Junr for apprising and setting off the widdow's thirds. 0-3-0

For paying William Drake for apprising and setting off the widdow's thirds. 0-3-0

June 4 3. For cash paid at the printing office for advertising 7-6

October 12. For cash paid at the private office at Medfield. 7-1

Ditto, for my journey to Medfield. 0-9-0

For paying Dr. Samuel Mewins for surveying and setting off the widdow's thirds 0-6-0

For paying George Crosman Esq. for swearing the apprisers & the men to set off the widdow's thirds. 3-0

For the expense of the apprisers and setting off the widdow's thirds with my time. 0-6-0

For praying the Register for recording three deeds	9-0
January 8. 1793. Cash paid at the probate office.	0-8-10
March 26. Paid at the probate office	0-9-6
Ditto for my journey to Boston and my expenses	0-12-0
October 9. For praying the Commissioners for their service and for advertising the above estate in the News papers.	1-4-0
Ditto. For the expenses of the commissioners.	0-3-4
21. For praying the widow Mary Allen what was alowed by the Judg.	10-0-0
For discount on Jared Allen's note, being the amount of his book account against the deceased.	5-14-0-2
Novem. 2. For my journey to Boston.	0-12-0
1793 Nov. 8. To paid at the Probate office for this account & certificate	10-8
	23-19-3-2

Suffolk Registry. 1793. No. 20074

Edward Bridge Savell.

Administration.

January 14. 1793, administration was granted to Mary Savell, widow, and William Savell on the estate of Edward Bridge Savell, late of Sharon, gentleman, deceased. Bond £5,000. Sureties were Oliver Curtis, tanner, and John Savell - all of Sharon -

Inventory filed March 26. 1793. Appraisers were Nathaniel Fisher of Stoughton, Samuel Capen and Benjamin Hodges, both of Sharon.

Wareing apparrel and books, gun, sword and sportsmans

bed, bedstead, cord, under bed and bedding, one ditto, one old bed no bedding, 5 sheets, towels, knapkins, valiards, &c. case of draws and the other woodden household furniture, old loombs and tackling half a pew, pewter and earthen household furniture, iron household furniture, 300 lbs. pork, 50lbs. beef, about 3 barrels of cyder, hogs fatt, the corne, rye and sauce, horse, yoke of oxen, 2 shotes, 5 cows, 3 two-year old heifers, 2 calves, the hay and fodder in the barn, about 600 feet boards & joice, old saddle, old iron, the cart & wheels & other husbandry tools, total of personal estate £103-19-6.

Real estate - The homestead farm, 34 acres, with one half of a dwelling house and a barn lying on both sides

of the road. The old orchard pasture bounding on Mr. Curtises land &c. 14 acres 36 rds. One acre of swamp by Itchabod Clerks. One acre of meadow by Jonathan Hawses. 16 acres of land by William Tolmans. 15 acres of wood land bounding on Benjamin Hodgerses land Total of real estate £ 278-2-0

Set off of dower and division of real estate. Warrant April 8. 1794 to Nathaniel Fisher, Lemuel Capen and Benjamin Hodges to divide the real estate among the six children, first setting off the widow's thirds. The return states that notice was given to all persons who did attended, except Mary Edey wife of Elias Edey who live at Penobscott River, & a letter & other notice has been sent to them.

Set off to Mary Savells, widdow of Edward Bridge Savells - Dower - She to have about sixteen acres of land on the southeast side of the road begining at the north corner of the old corne barne & runing southeasterly bounding on Edward Savells land he purchised of his father untill it comes to the top of the hill in the woods, then turning a little southerly and leiveing a wedge of one acre & seventeen rods of land next to said Edwards land in the woods until it comes to Hewinses meadow, then runing southerly bounding on said meadow untill it comes to Edward Savells land call'd Royals lott, then runing a northwesterly course bounding on said Edward Savels land & Benjamin

Savells land untill it comes to a heep of stones at the south corner of an old field hereafter set to William Savells (& is thirteen of gunters chains and thirty six links on Benjamin Savells line from the road), the the line runs from said heep of stones in Benja^n^ Savells line north 12 degrees east two of gunters chains & 16 links to a stake & heep of stones at the east corner of said old field (and from here runs a cource of south 69 ½ degrees east over to the meadow striks off a peice of wood land that lieth in with the widdows pasture towards the spring that she is not to cut any wood on for the term of twelve years from this date, only such as may blow down) &c then the line runs

from the stone heap at said east corner of the old field a northwesterly course to a heap of stones on the top of the hill at the road, then runing northeasterly bounding on the road about fifteen rods to the bounds first mentioned.

Reserving for the heirs out of this peice of land the land whereon the northwesterly parte of the barne stands, viz. the line to run from said Edwards line a southerly course (viz) strate as the barne stands untill it hits the north end of the barne flour in the middle of the flour & ten foot in from the north side of the barne (viz) so as to give one half of the scaffold & one half of the cow house that is at the north end of the

barne flour for the widdow at the easterly side, then to run strate to the east end of the barne flour & then running strate as the posts on the east end of the barne flour stand a strate line southerly one & quarters chains southerly of the barne, then turning a squeer corner & running to the road this piece of land with the westerly parte of the barne & the old corne barne on it is reserved for the heirs, & said widdow is to have the easterly parte of the barne (viz) easterly of the flour & one half of scaffold & one half of cow house under it at north end of the flour on the easterly parte is for the widdow & she to have the use of the barne flour in common with those who own

the other parte of the barne to cart in hay & fodder & to thrash graine in, & to go into to fodder & tend hir cattle and all other necessary uses in common with the other owners and she to have free liberty to pass & repass on both sides of the barne from the road to hir parte of the barne & to drive cattle & to cart in hir parte of the produe & other necessary uses.

And the widdow is to have the southwesterly parte of the house (viz) the large squair lower room, the celler under it & the chaimbr & garrett over it up to the top, togather with the entrey way & the stairs up into the chaimber & garrett & down into the celler & all the entrey way room on

the southeasterly side of the chimney between said square room & Edward Savell's parte of the house (reserving the part of the fire place in the back of the chimney for the heirs)

Also the widdow to have about three acres of meadow & low land called the Island bounding easterly on land herein set unto Edward, northerly on Ebenezer Hewinses land on the ditch &c. westerly & southerly on land herein set off unto William Savells & divided as followeth (viz) begining at a wallnutt tree near said ditch in said Hewins's line & runing a southerly course across the brook, also said Island through an old bushey apple tree to a stake & heap of stones at the south

side of the Island on the north side of the pasture by the old stone wall, then runing southeasterly as the old stone wall stands &c. on the south side of the Island about twenty two rods to a heep of stones up on the bank on the south side of the road south of the meadow, then runing easterly along some way on the bank south of the road & then crossing the road towards the house to a stake & heep of stones just northerly of the road at the southwesterly corner of land herein set off to said Edward, then runing a strate line across the meadow to staike & heep of stones on the ditch bank at said Newmises line.

Also said widdow is to have six acres of wood land lying near William Tolmans, bounding southeasterly on William Tolmans land, being 20 rods wide on said Tolmans line & bounds southwesterly on Wm Hewinses wood lott & northwesterly on William Hewinses swamp lott &c. & to extend about thirty two rods southwesterly (viz) so far as to make up & compleet said six acres & to be set off by a line parralell to said Tolmans line.

And said widdow is to have about six foot wide of land on the southwest end of the house so far back as to where the old end or back lenter comes for her or those who may own the same to go on the southwest end

of said house to repare the same & to go into the celler by the celler way that is made to go out of of the celler at that end out of doors together with the yard room between the road & the house & to extend six foot southerly of the southwesterly end of the house so as to git to said out door celler way &c. All which several peices of land with the parte of the house & easterly parte of the barne is considered as the full of his right of dower or thirds in his late husbands estate.

The remainder of the estate will not convenient-ly accommodate more than two of the heirs, and the commissioners make one division for William Savell, the eldest son, and another division for

Edward Savell, the second son.

Bond of William and Edward Savell to pay to each of the other children (Mary Edey, Elizabeth Curtis, Chloe Savell and Jerusha Savell) £36-16-8, as their shares, the real estate set off to the brother being valued at £221. Sureties were John Savell (merchant) and Nathaniel Fisher gentleman) both of Sharon. Oliver Curtis receipts for the share of his wife Elizabeth Curtis, April 21, 1795- Assignment of real estate. 2 accounts.

Mary Savell
Edward Savell
Chloe Savell
jerusha Savell
William Savell

Fac similes of signatures of "heirs" to appointment of commissioners to set off dower and divide the real estate.

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Samuel Andrews	1740	Ann Belcher	1761
Humphrey Atherton	1749	Edward Belcher	1756
Daniel Bacon	1764	Samuel Belcher	1741
Nathaniel Badcock	1760	Beriah Billing	1738
Stephen Badcan	1758	Jonathan Billing	1763

Samuel Bird	1741	William Coldwell	1757
Benjamin Blackington	1753	Thomas Corey	1749
Benjamin Blackman	1749	Experience Crane	1753
Benjamin Blackman	1761	Silas Crane	1753
George Blackman	1756	William Crane	1742
Hannah Blackman	1749	Moses Curtis	1763
		John Dickerman	1761
		William Drake	1746
Josiah Blackman	1744	Benjamin Estey	1750
Thomas Blackman	1751	Benjamin Estey	1757
Isaac Bowen	1727	Joseph Estey	1765
Alexander Bragg	1750	Isaac Fenno	1762
Reuben Brown	1754	John Fenno	1741
Nathan Buckman	1761	John Fenno	1760
Jonathan Capen	1747	John Fenno	1763
Preserved Capen	1757	Asa Fisher	1764

Timothy Fisher	1757	Caleb Howard	1755
Benjamin Gill	1749	John Howard	1758
Moses Gill	1749	Benjamin Hews	1760
Daniel Gould	1754	Stukley Hows	1760
Benjamin Harris	1754	Thomas Jordan	1756
John Howse	1741	John Kenney	1761
Richard Hawes	1759	Jonathan Kenny	1757
Benjamin Lewis	1734	Moses Linn (or Sun)	1758
Ebenezer Hewins	1751	William Lisard	1767
John Hixon	1751	Benjamin Liscum	1746
Walter Hixon	1746	Philip Liscum	1743
Matthew Hows	1762	Elkanan Lyon	1746
Daniel Holbrook	1763	Elkanan Lyon	1751
John Hosier	1762	Peter Lyon	1761

Zechariah Dyson	1750	Eleazer [illegible]	1742
Elias Mosk	1750	Thomas Rogers	1746
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Ebenezer Mosley [illegible]	1740	Michael Shaller	1741
William Nightengale	1762	William Sherman	1741
Ezra Niles	1758	Robert Shurt	1761
John Noyes	1761	Isaac Stearns	1741
Ephraim Payson	1761	Daniel Stone	1762
Ezekiel Price	1760	Eleazer Talbot	1764
Lazarus Pope	1751	Amariah Tolman	1752
Ralph Pope	1750	David Tolman	1746
John Puffer	1765	Thomas Tolman	1738
John Redman	1750	William Tolman	1763
Robert Redman	1760	Amariah Topliff	1755

Joseph Tobliff	1756
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Joseph Tucker	1746
Thomas Tupper	1747
Thomas Tupper Jr.	1740
John Vose	1734
Hezekiah Wadsworth	1741
Benjamin Walker	1739
Ebenezer Walton	1753
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Benjamin Wentworth	1700
David Wentworth	1750
Ebenezer Wentworth	1740
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Hezekiah Wentworth	1759
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Nathaniel Woodcock	1750
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admr. = administrator.
admx. = administratrix.
comr. = commissioner.
est. = estate.
exor. = executor.
exx. = executrix.
payt. = payment to the person named
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